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Diplomatic relations with Gaddafi severed

Libyans given week to leave Britain

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain has broken off diplomatic relations with Libya and has ordered all diplomats and other people inside the Libyan People's Bureau out of the country within seven days.

The Libyan Government was told last night that Mr Oliver Miles, the British Ambassador, and his staff in Tripoli would leave Libya by the same date, April 29-30.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, made the announcement last night after a day of speculation over the Government's intentions.

The decision should end the siege of the bureau in St James's Square, which began last Tuesday when shots from inside the building killed Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, on duty during a demonstration outside.

The severing of relations follows several days of negotiations between the British and Libyan Governments, during which Britain demanded that all those inside the bureau should leave and allow themselves to be questioned by the police. Officers would then search the bureau for arms and explosives.

However, despite what looked like an encouraging start, the negotiations eventually proved fruitless, and pressure on the Government to take tough action against Libya and its leader, Colonel Gaddafi, mounted swiftly after the bomb explosion at Heathrow airport on Good Friday, which injured 25 people.

Last night's decision came after two meetings yesterday of the Cabinet's Cobra emergency committee, which has been handling the affair under the chairmanship of Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary – and in the end it was no great surprise.

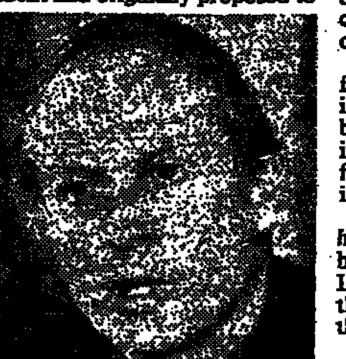
One result must be that WPC Fletcher's killer is almost certain to return to Libya a free man, conducted to the airport in safety guaranteed by the British Government.

However, it had become increasingly clear, as ministers acknowledged yesterday, that the police would have found it almost impossible to bring charges against any one man, because of the difficulty of collecting forensic evidence.

Mr Luce was flanked by a grim-faced Mr Brittan at the press conference in a Foreign Office conference room, where two years ago Lord Carrington, as Foreign Secretary, and Sir John Nott – then Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence – had announced the breach of diplomatic relations with Argentina after the Falkland Islands invasion.

Last night both ministers described WPC Fletcher's killing as "a barbaric outrage" and emphasized that they had no doubt as to the direction from which the shots had come, despite Libyan denials.

Mr Luce said the Government had originally proposed to



Mr Luce

the Libyans that diplomatic relations between the two countries should end "by agreement".

Under the agreement, all occupants of the bureau and all other Libyan diplomatic staff in Britain would have left in safety, while a similar arrangement would have been made for British diplomats in Tripoli.

The British authorities should also be satisfied under the deal that all weapons and explosives were removed from the bureau, and that Libyan buildings in Britain could no longer be used as bases for terrorist acts.

Mr Luce continued: "The Libyans have not accepted these proposals. Instead, they, in effect, suggested that the outrage of April 17 should simply be put on one side.

Colonel Gaddafi's proposal for a Libyan commission of inquiry is, of course, his affair but we believe it is a wholly inadequate response to this flagrant abuse of diplomatic immunity.

"The British Government have, therefore, decided to break relations forthwith with Lubya. We have so informed the acting secretary general of the people's bureau here.

The British ambassador at Tripoli, Mr Oliver Miles, has instructions to inform the Libyan authorities this evening."

The safety of the British community in Libya had been an essential priority throughout, he added.

The Foreign Office was not at present advising British people to leave Libya. British residents should consider their position carefully and keep in close touch with developments through the BBC World Service.

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MPs accept 'inevitable' decision

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Among MPs of all parties, now scattered for the Easter parliamentary recess, there was reluctant acceptance last night that the Government's decision was the only one open to it, given the restraints imposed by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the vulnerability of the British community in Libya.

Senior Opposition figures remained unwilling to comment publicly, but were inclined to give ministers credit for having done all they could, from a position of weakness, to secure their major objective of bringing to justice the killer of Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher.

They expect Mr Leon Brittan, as the senior minister concerned, to make a statement and submit to questioning by MPs when the Commons reassembles on Wednesday. This would deal with matters of both Home Office and Foreign Office concern, from the circumstances of the shooting in St James's Square on Tuesday to the future handling of relations with Libya.

The expulsion of all Libyan Government representatives, whether diplomats or non-diplomats, is sure to be universally approved.

The decision yesterday was approved by the Prime Minister.

Police will 'need to check for arms and explosives'

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, made clear that the Libyan diplomats being expelled could leave, if they wish, at any time within the next seven days. But the police would need to be satisfied that anyone coming out of the bureau was not carrying arms and explosives.

He agreed, however, that the Libyan diplomatic bags would remain inviolate in accordance with international practice. The government wished to follow scrupulously, the code of behaviour laid down.

Mr Brittan said: "As far as other Libyans in this country are concerned, I shall look carefully at any evidence that their presence is against the national interest, and will not hesitate to use my powers of removal if I am satisfied that it is.

Any applications for extensions of stay will be scrutinized with the greatest care."

Applications for visas for Libyans to travel in Britain would, for the time being, have to be made in neighbouring states, and all would be referred to London, where they would be "thoroughly and carefully examined".

All those already holding visas were being advised to reapply in view of the situation if they wanted to enter Britain.

Mr Brittan said: "These measures will ensure that in the coming months only in the most exceptional circumstances will Libyan nationals be admitted to this country.

"In view of the outrage which has occurred and the severance of diplomatic relations, I am sure that these steps will have widespread support. I shall keep these arrangements under close review."

Mr Brittan also made clear that diplomatic immunity for the Libyan People's Bureau itself would end with the departure of its staff and others inside. This would leave police free to search the buildings after making as sure as they possibly could that no arms and explosives were being taken out.

Meanwhile, the police would remain in St James's Square until the bureau had been vacated, he said in reply to questions.

The investigation into the

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Libyan negotiators leaving the siege scene last night (Photograph: Barry Beattie)

Police keep up vigil outside bureau

By Stewart Tendler

At the siege scene in St James's Square last night, the police operation continued after the announcement that London was breaking off diplomatic relations with Tripoli. There was no sign of an increase in the police presence.

Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, spent much of the afternoon at the control centre and was still there in the early evening, despite a Cabinet meeting in Whitehall.

The two Libyan diplomats who have been involved in the negotiations left St James's Square in police cars before the Government announcement.

Earlier in the day a number of civil servants, with documents, were taken in unmarked cars at speed to and from the police control point. Scotland Yard would not discuss the messengers or a letter which one of them seemed to bring to the police control point.

Amid speculation at the weekend that the inhabitants of the People's Bureau may be allowed to leave en masse without producing the killer of Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, the deputy assistant commissioner, Mr Richard Wells, said the police response was "calm, responsible and professional".

Mr Wells is the head of the Yard's publicity department. Another spokesman said officers were obviously aggrieved about the death, but calm.

The siege has clearly become the latest landmark on the coach tours of central London. Throughout the day, coaches rumbled and thundered past the blue plastic sheeting which covers the main entrance to the square.

The bemused occupants stared out as their guide gesticulated to the rows of police cars and reporters

Other tourists on foot wound their way down the street passing groups of policemen going backwards and forwards from shifts on the roofs with their rifles slung over their shoulders.

The more discreet officers tucked their rifles under coats but the barrels could be seen peeping out as they walked.

As the human drama and the diplomatic deliberations dragged on, a duck left an egg under a Libyan car.





The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh (top) and Prince Edward and the Princess of Wales leaving St George's Chapel, Windsor, after Easter Sunday morning service there yesterday. In the early evening the Duke flew from Heathrow Airport to Sweden where he will attend the final today of the World Cup show-jumping championships sponsored by Volvo and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture.

The British challenge is led by Michael Whitaker, who was lying equal third with an American

(Photographs: Julian Parker)

Two stabbed at 'Angels' camp site

Police sealed off a Somerset village early yesterday after two girls alleged they had been raped and fighting broke out at a Hell's Angels camp near Cheddar Gorge. Shots were said to have been fired, and two men stabbed.

Ten men are in police custody in connexion with the incident.

Seventy officers, some armed, were called to the village of Shipham at 5 am. Witnesses said that violence broke out when a rival gang of motorcyclists arrived at the Luke's Kingdom camp site where around 150 were staying. A van was set on fire and destroyed.

Police seized a shotgun and knives. The two men who were stabbed were taken to hospital at Weston-super-Mare.

Mr Robert Paul, 32, from Slough, was released after treatment, and Mr Vance Caunt of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, was said to be in a stable condition

Elsewhere, there were traffic jams as motorists made for the coast and other tourist areas.

Mrs Christine Wells from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, was killed when the car she and her husband were in was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle on the A5 at Towcester, Northamptonshire.

Firemen were fighting a forest fire yesterday which broke out on Saturday near Okehampton and swept across seven square miles of Dartmoor.

Observer may be sold to Maxwell

By Patricia Clough

Mr Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, said yesterday that if Mr Robert Maxwell, the publishing millionaire was prepared to pay the right price he would sell him *The Observer*.

The two men will meet for breakfast at Claridges at 9am tomorrow to discuss a possible deal. Three hours later the independent directors of *The Observer* are due to begin examining the dispute between Mr Rowland and his editor Mr Donald Trelford over the latter's report on atrocities by Zimbabwean troops in Matabeleland.

But Mr Rowland indicated last night that the director's meeting may be superfluous. "Who knows, if we reach agreement on Tuesday morning, that would be that", he said.

Mr Rowland said "three or four people" had approached Lonhro about buying *The Observer* but for the present he was meeting Mr Maxwell. "If he pays our price it would go to him", he said.

Mr Rowland declined to disclose the asking price and Mr Maxwell refused to say if he was prepared to pay it. "I do not conduct negotiations through the pages of *The Times*", he said.

Mr Rowland indicated that it would not include Lonrho's Scottish papers, including the *Glasgow Herald*, which Mr Maxwell would like to buy, too. But Mr Maxwell said he would "certainly" be prepared to buy *The Observer* alone. The purchaser would be Pergamon Press, his scientific publishing company, rather than his British Printing and Communication Corporation.

Senior staff on *The Observer* are sceptical about Mr Rowland's motives in meeting Mr Maxwell and suggest that it is merely a smokescreen. They believe his real aim is to obtain the independent directors' consent to his dismissing Mr Trelford or, at least, to compel him to back down on his report.

I cannot be bothered with strategic moves", Mr Rowland retorted. "It would be pathetic. I do not have to play games.

"I am fed up with Trelford and the fact that the journalists back him. I understand that they would want to support him, of course. But I am subsidizing *The Observer* and he acts as if he owns and controls it."

The Observer should have a proprietor who was right for it and he had no doubt that Mr Maxwell was the man. He would be a "super leader" for the paper.

Mr Maxwell said yesterday that if he bought *The Observer* he would rapidly eliminate its losses by printing the new evening paper he is planning on its presses. He would be prepared to spend money on improving the paper.

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15,000 jobs at risk in new steel strategy

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

British Steel is to submit a new corporate strategy to the Government that is likely to recommend the closure of one and possibly two of the corporation's five integrated steelworks, and the loss of up to 15,000 jobs.

The plants at Ravenscraig in Scotland, which has been kept open only on political insistence, and at Llanwern in South Wales, are thought to be the most threatened.

Although the revised corporate plan has not been finally agreed by the British Steel board, the miners' strike is likely to have tipped the balance in favour of drastic action to return the corporation to profit.

The effects of the coal strike particularly on the formerly profitable Scunthorpe works, have helped to increase British Steel's losses from £2.5m to £3m per week.

Mr Robert Haslam, who succeeded Mr Ian MacGregor as British Steel chairman last September, has conceded that the existing corporate plan would not lead the corporation to break even, let alone make sufficient profits for long-term investment or meet the deadline of being free from state aid by the end of 1985.

Mr Haslam said in a speech at Scunthorpe: "We are determined that this will not be yet another in a series of plans, but will take us to the ultimate goal of achieving a fully commercially viable steel business."

The existing plan failed in its object because:

- Large increases in productivity maintained British Steel's capacity at 18 million tonnes a year, instead of the 15

Mr Haslam: Viability the ultimate goal

million tonnes envisaged under Mr MacGregor; production is now down to 13 million tonnes.

- British Steel does not expect a sufficient increase in demand to make it profitable in spite of a 10 per cent rise in European Community Steel output in the past year.
- Mr MacGregor's plan to ship Ravenscraig steel to be finished by the US Steel Corporation broke down and no further significant overseas initiatives are planned.
- There is an estimated 35 million tonnes of excess capacity within the European Community, which is unlikely to be eliminated.
- The corporation fears that a protracted coal strike may lead to further permanent loss of market, as happened after the coal strikes of the early seventies and the steel strike of 1981.

The revised strategy will have to be approved by the Government and then submitted to the European Commission. Ministers are likely to baulk at the corporation's proposals because British Steel's plants in Scotland, South Wales, and on Teesside and Humberside are virtually all in areas of high unemployment.

The Government may therefore be left with the choice of seeing a large increase in job losses or providing more money for deals between British Steel and private industry

- Explosives are being withdrawn from strikebound pits in militant coalfields, partly as result of management security fears (Paul Routledge writes).

Substantial quantities of powder, gelignite and detonators are normally kept in specially constructed magazines but they are being sent back to the manufacturer from many pits in Yorkshire and Kent.

The coal board said last night that there was no national instruction, "but where local management think there is any security risk they are being prudent".

Teachers' union may drop action if employers increase offer to 4.5%

By Colin Hughes

Industrial action planned for next week by Britain's largest union for teachers could be averted if the employers improve their pay offer to 4.5 per cent as expected.

Leaders of the National Union of Teachers, at their annual conference this week, are emphasizing that their members' militancy, as displayed at Saturday's pay debate, means acceptance of 4.5 per cent cannot be guaranteed.

The employers have asked for fresh negotiations next Monday. Mr Douglas McAvoy the union's deputy general secretary and leader of the teachers' side said he feared the offer could be "too little and too late".

Privately, however, the union's executive is keenly aware that long and bitter actions through the summer term, aimed at improving on 4.5 per cent, would be unlikely to achieve anything except lost public sympathy. The Scottish teachers and further education teachers have accepted 4.5 per cent.

Withdrawal of good will and refusal to perform voluntary tasks by the union's 230,000 members is due to start on Tuesday next week, the second day of term for most schools.

On Saturday the union also agreed to a one-day strike on May 9 if a settlement is not reached.

If the executive decides to recommend acceptance of an improved offer after Monday's meeting, the action would be suspended until a special delegates' conference of the union decided whether to ratify a deal.

The union will bear in mind that the teachers' best hope of recovering the ground lost on salaries since the Houghton commission in 1974 lies in talks on restructuring their pay.

A Burnham committee working party of employers and teachers has reached broad agreement on restructuring into two new grades, one for new teachers on entry, and a higher main professional grade for teachers who have proved their worth.

Mr McAvoy said yesterday that four working party meetings were arranged to discuss restructuring, and the union believes better prospects of improved pay will be found in reaching agreement on restructuring by June.

Mr McAvoy expected employers and teachers to make recommendations to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in time for him to put them before the Cabinet in the summer.

Negotiations on restructured salaries could then be held before local anthority cash limits are set for 1985-86. Teachers' leaders will now try to link a review, along the lines of the Houghton and Clegg commissions, to restructuring proposals.

However, the barriers to a settlement on restructuring are substantial. Sir Keith will want it to include concessions turning voluntary duties into contractual duties, which the teachers are certain to fight.

● About 15 per cent of school books are now being bought for pupils by their parents, rather than by the local education authority, Mr John Davies, director of the Educational Publishers' Council, claimed yesterday.

He said total spending on school books this year had fallen by £2.6m in real terms, meaning one million fewer books were being purchased.

In the past five years spending on school books had fallen by £16m in real terms, only half of which could be explained by falling rolls.



The Prime Minister and her husband leaving church at Chequers after an Easter Sunday service as the Cabinet committee met in London on the Libyan bureau siege

Foreign companies offered no-strike deal by union

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

One of Britain's largest unions is launching a "sales mission" in non-union Japanese and United States-owned electronics companies and will offer no-strike agreements to managements in an attempt to win up to 30,000 new members.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) is likely to incur the wrath of the left in the trade union movement which is trying to damp down growing interest in no-strike clauses being offered to new ventures.

But the EETPU is adamant that the only way unions will be able to win new membership in the industries of the future, many of which are controlled by companies antagonistic to unions, is through agreements that guarantee no industrial disruption.

The union's pilot scheme is to be launched in west and central Scotland within the next two weeks when the new "sunrise" companies will be sent a video film explaining the controversial agreement that the EETPU struck with Toshiba in Plymouth.

That agreement, along with subsequent deals at Sanyo in Lowestoft and at Inmos and AB Electronics in south Wales, does not specifically rule out the possibility of industrial action, but is so tightly drawn that it makes strikes all but impossible to organize.

The union's initial target is the growing number of electronics companies in Scotland, where it has estimated that there could be between 20,000 and 30,000 prospective members if the companies' resistance to unions can be overcome.

Mr David Chalmers, the union's Scottish organizer, said: "Our attitude is that the present industrial climate is not the best for recruiting new members but that will not last if we have the right approach to industrial relations."

The aim is to pick the larger of the new companies, those probably with more than 400 employees although all 200 enterprises in Scotland's fast-growing electronics industry will be approached by the union.

Its video film shows how the Toshiba agreement works and includes words of praise from senior company management as well as union officials.

At the centre of the model agreement is the principle of "pendulum arbitration". This allows for binding arbitration being used to settle disputes, and if the issue is pay, the arbitrator has to rule either in favour of the union's claim or the company's award. Because he cannot come down in the middle with a "fudge", both unions and managements believe the system forces them to moderate their approach to industrial relations issues.

EETPU officials, expecting criticism of their growing commitment to no-strike deals, point to the fact that union members covered by such agreements have access to company information that would previously have been denied and are able to discuss fundamental business decisions with senior managers.

Mr Chalmers said: "The loss of the strike weapon is no great loss. Only in extreme circumstances have strikes ever done anybody any good anywhere either for employees or employers."

But his comments will jar with many trade union leaders because of growing sensitivity surrounding no-strike deals and the final round of negotiations about to take place between unions and Nissan on the Japanese company's planned assembly plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Forged £50 notes warning

By John Young

A widespread and ambitious scheme to flood Britain with forged £50 notes over the Easter holiday period was gradually coming to light yesterday.

Police throughout the country were apparently caught unawares by the size and scale of the operation.

The public have been warned to check all £50 notes by holding them up to the light. The counterfeits are said to be excellent, but the water mark and metal strip are missing.

Examples have so far been discovered in Southend, Brighton, Bournemouth, Chelms- ford. Stevenage, York, Scarborough and South Shields.

Detective Inspector Colin Edkins said in Southend that the forgers were clearly "very ambitious" in choosing such a high denomination. People would be more likely to look closely at a £50 note than at a £5 or £10.

Two men appeared in court in Redbridge, east London, on Saturday. Mr Mark Bines, a car dealer, aged 29, from Woodford Green, Essex, and Mr Alan Taylor, a plumber's mate, aged 44, of Manor Park, east London, were charged with conspiring to contravene the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981, possession of 1,009 forged £50 notes, and possession of 100 grammes of cocaine and 50 grammes of cannabis.

Five men were facing charges at Southend police station last night, and others were being interviewed in York and South Shields.

Young Liberals elect Tisdall

Sarah Tisdall, the Foreign Office clerk jailed for leaking a government memo, was elected last night as national vice-president of the Young Liberals with the biggest majority for more than ten years.

Five other vice-presidents elected at the Torquay conference were Mr Kenneth Livingstone, Labour leader of the Greater London Council, Mr Simon Hughes and Mr David Alton, both Liberal MPs; and two Young Liberals, Miss Sue Younger Ross and Mr Nigel Ashton.

Child with rare illness is home

Derek McDonald, aged nine months, who was born with the rare Central Hypoventilation Syndrome which prevents him breathing while asleep, returned home at the weekend to a specially-adapted nursery with his own respirator, bought from a fund which raised £24,000.

His parents Christine, aged 27, and Derek, aged 27, of Birch Road, Haydock, Merseyside, thanked friends, relatives and strangers for contributing to the fund. "It is a permanent condition and there is no cure.

Hattersley criticizes coal policy 'deceit'

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

The Government's pretence that the miners' strike was none of its business was a carefully cultivated deceit, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said last night.

"Ian MacGregor was appointed as coal board chairman to act as the agent of the Government's will. He has plunged the industry into chaos in pursuit of the Government's financial targets", Mr Hattersley told a Co-operative Party conference rally in Newcastle upon Tyne.



Mr Hattersley: "Pits plunged into chaos"

Mr Hattersley added: "The Government, led by the Home Secretary in his capacity as Uriah Heep, has commented on the dispute in a way which is intentionally provocative and palpably prejudiced.

"The Government cannot abdicate from its responsibilities to preserve industrial peace in any industry. Its obligations towards a nationalized industry are obvious and irrefutable, and in the case of the coal dispute, they have been wilfully ignored.

Mr Hattersley said the dispute was the result of two disastrous government prejudices. The first was an economic policy which was more concerned with short-term financial targets than long-term growth. The second was an industrial relations policy which amounted to the Government imposing its will on trade unions.

"The Government expects the coal board to break even within three years, to balance the books as if it were a Grantham grocery shop. To write off potentially productive capacity simply in order to meet an arbitrary target by an arbitrary date is to act as if bookkeeping is more important than output.

"A pit closed is a pit never reopened. So if the Government gets its way we will be throwing away a vital part of a great national asset which we need now and will need even more when North Sea oil runs out."

Mr Hattersley said private manufacturing industry was applauded for borrowing to secure its future, but the National Coal Board has been told to reduce borrowing whatever the price in reduced output.

Mr Hattersley suggested a way out for the Government. "Under the last Labour Government the NUM proved itself willing to negotiate changes in the industry", he said.

"It would do so again if it were offered honest discussions on a plan that respected miners' interests, preserved productive potential of the industry and safeguarded the nation's future need for coal. The Government ought to insist that such discussions begin now.

Palace denies report of paint spray compensation

By Staff Reporters

A report that the Queen might personally compensate American reporters and photographers sprayed with white paint by Prince Andrew was described as "pure speculation" by a Buckingham Palace official yesterday.

The question of how any claims might be settled could not be considered unless or until they were submitted, he added.

The official also disclaimed any knowledge of the Palace having asked for a more detailed account of the Prince's activities from the British consul general in Los Angeles.

British diplomats abroad report to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and not to the Palace, he pointed out. Any information passed on by the Foreign Office would be in the strictest confidence.

The Prince returned from his five-day visit to California on Friday, in time to join the Royal Family at a party to celebrate the Queen's fifty-eighth birthday on Saturday.

The Prince's United States visit, which was to help to raise funds for the British Olympic team, was overshadowed by hostile press criticism, largely provoked by the paint-spraying incident, which is said to have caused £15,000 worth of damage to cameras and clothes.

He was accused of being "a spoiled rich kid" and taken to task for making only a belated and half hearted apology. His speeches were also said to be dull, and his manner brusque.

However in fund-raising terms the visit was a resounding success, and will benefit the British Olympic Association to the tune of about £180,000. The American Committee for Gordonstoun's Golden Jubilee also received substaintial scholarship funds to send students to the Prince's old school.

Modern siege kit

Police play it by ear and eye

By Stewart Tendler

After six days of the St James's Square siege in London, an electronic city has grown up behind the blue plastic screens. At its centre is the long white control unit parked off Lower Regent Street.

In the unit, the length of an articulated lorry, a constant stream of information is fed to police commanders from overt and covert vantage points in the square. With three sieges, at the Spaghetti House, in Balcombe Street and the Iranian Embassy, behind them, Scotland Yard and the Home Office have assembled a highly developed siege kit.

Unlike other sieges, the police have no released hostages to provide them with inside information on the Libyan People's Bureau. Instead, they must gather it themselves and if possible build on it so they can monitor the bureau day and night.

Science has made that possible both visually and acoustically. By the afternoon of the first day technicians were on roofs overlooking the bureau setting up what are believed to be laser microphones which can pick up sound vibrating on the windows of a target building.

The police will have also tried to insert pinhead microphones through the exterior walls of the bureau from buildings either side. During the Iranian Embassy siege in 1980 the sound of drilling by the police was concealed using gas board workmen apparently mending pipes nearby. The people in the Iranian Embassy were also distracted by rerouting over Knightsbridge commercial aircraft coming into Heathrow. A military aircraft made three noisy passes over the St James's area on Thursday night, suggesting a similar ruse is being used this time.

A number of microphones have also been lowered from surrounding roofs, and these are likely to be extra sensitive with a capacity to pick up sound at some distance.

Television and closed-circuit video cameras are likely to have been placed in the square to watch the bureau's exterior. The police also have television cameras fitted to their two helocopters. The immediate aftermath of Tuesday's shooting was probably recorded by one of these machines flying nearby. It may have provided the information which led to a car being stopped near Heathrow airport.

The Home Office has developed a technique for discovering buried bodies by identifying sources of heat in the ground given off by the gases of decomposition. That equipment may be used at the bureau to identify people moveing inside by their body heat which can be recognized by the machinery.

The men monitoring the intelligence gathering system range from the men in charge at the scene, one or two deputy assistant commissioners, who split each 24 hours into two shifts, to a variety of individual police specialists.

All 30 members of Scotland Yard's D11 branch, the firearms specialists, are at the scene working in two 12 hour shifts. Firearms training for the Metropolitan Police has been suspended during the siege.

The officers at vantage points round the square and the roofs above are equippe with a sniper rifle based on a military design and a version of the Hechler and Koch automatic rifle fixed to fire single shots. They can also call on pump-action shotguns which might be used to fire CS-gas. The new controversial miniature sub-machineguns bought by the police have not yet been delivered.

To maintain their watch the D11 men and other officers can use image intensifiers at night to cover the darkened parts of the square. The intensifiers enhance available light to improve night vision. In some parts of the square the police have also set up portable street light systems with their own generators.

The D11 men are supported by a number of officers trained in the use of rifles and normally based at Heathrow. There are also elements of the 300-strong diplomatic patrol group.

Up to 50 officers are on duty at any one time providing an inner cordon around the square.

Fights halt extreme right rally

From Our Correspondent
Liverpool

The leaders of a right-wing extremist party whose rally was broken up by violence in Liverpool said they will hold meetings again in the city.

Mr Ian Sloane, north-west regional organizer of the British National Party, blamed "left-wing agitators" for the scuffles inside the Adelphi hotel, where the meeting was held on Saturday night.

More than a hundred police were called in to provide a cordon around the building after 300 demonstrators broke into the meeting. One man was reported to have been hit over the head with a chair and another struck with a metal flag stand.

Mr Sloane said: "Left-wing agitators forced their way past our stewards and any trouble was caused by them. We have a democratic right to hold meetings and we will not let any threats stop us holding a meeting in Liverpool again."

A police spokesman said accounts of violence outside the hotel had been exaggerated.

Checking for arms

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killing of WPC Fletcher would also continue, although everyone in the bureau would be able to leave in safety.

All those there without diplomatic immunity would be escorted with their families to a place of safety, and then taken to the airport for their departure to Tripoli.

Both ministers seemed confident that Libya would comply with the Government's requirements. Other countries in similar situations had done so in the past, including Uganda, when relations were severed in 1976, and then again Argentina in 1982.

Britain is telling other countries of its action, and is expecting wide support from them, but the question of joint EEC action against Colonel Gaddafi's Government would be considered only at a later date.

Arrangements will also have to be made for countries to act as "protecting powers" to look after the interests of one another's nationals in the two countries

Mr Richard Luce said one country had already offered to do so on Britain's behalf in Tripoli

The ministers also referred to the "extremely grave consequences" of any action taken by Colonel Gaddafi against British people living in Libya, but Mr Luce pointed out that since the United States broke relations with the Libyans between 500 and 600 Americans were continuing to live quite normally in Libya.

Observer sale talks

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He would "most certainly" want to keep Mr Trelford, whom he "greatly admired", as editor. He said he could find no fault with Mr Trelford's handling of the Matabeleland story, but he would "violently object" to a "vendetta" such as the one he considered The Observer had conducted against Mrs Thatcher over her son Mark's involvement in the company for which she helped to secure a building contract in Oman.

"It was done without regard to firm evidence of wrongdoing. I would have stamped on him for that, it was wrong and unfair". Asked whether he did not consider this would amount to interfering with editorial independence, he replied: "I am sorry, but there are limits to an editor's freedom when he allows his paper to indulge in what is plainly a vendetta".

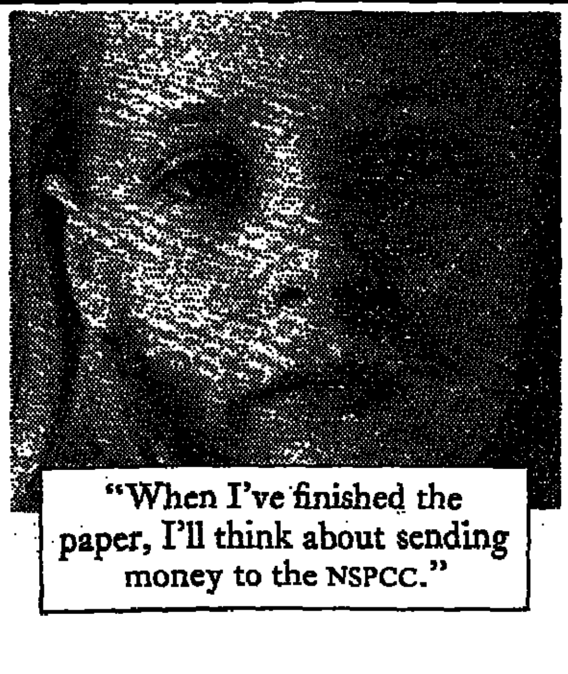
Mr Maxwell said he was slightly more left-wing than Mr Trelford and would hope that The Observer would become somewhat more left of centre. He would introduce new printing technology "in due course", and thought he could do it better, cheaper and faster than anyone else.

He saw the idea of owning a national paper during a difficult time for the British press as a challenge: "I have shown I am a manager who knows how to manage things that appear unmanageable to others".

Mr Maxwell: Prospective buyer

Mr Trelford said the possibility of his being editor under Mr Maxwell was "too hypothetical" for comment. "We have got a long way to go before we reach that point", he said.

The first priority was to clear up the present dispute with Mr Rowland through the legally-prescribed channels and any question of a sale was irrelevant at present.



Inner cities an appalling legacy, Prince says

Britain's inner cities were one of the appalling legacies of the industrial revolution, the Prince of Wales said yesterday.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4 Soundings programme, he said that to repair and renovate the inner city areas would require "mind-boggling" investment, but "if we are going to arrive at a reasonable situation, more must be done."

With a £36,000m annual social security and welfare bill, the depletion of North Sea oil would bring great difficulties by the turn of the century, he said.

The Prince was being interviewed about the royal jubilee trusts which sponsor inner city projects. He said that he believed that the "accident of birth or wealth" or privileges was only justified by obligations to return something.

If he "sold up" and gave up everything, it would be a three- or four-day wonder. There would be headlines about it for a bit and a lot of people would think I was quite dotty. I am not sure how much I could achieve after that."

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Adams sympathy for dead IRA bomber

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Provisional Sinn Fein MP, yesterday paid tribute to a Provisional IRA terrorist who was killed when a bomb he is believed to have planted exploded hurling metal and masonry hundreds of yards across a car park.

Richard Quigley, aged 20, died after being struck on the head by a breeze block which had been packed around a 35-gallon drum of petrol. He was watching the van bomp explode when he was killed, on Saturday night, and later the Provisional IRA in Londonderry admitted that the unemployed youth was one of their members. He was from the Bogside area of the city, and died while on "active service" attempting a bomb attack against security forces.

Mr Adams, making his first public appearance since an attempt on his live, told thousands of republicans in Londonderry at a commemoration ofo the 1916 Easter rising, that Mr Quigley had died fighting for Irish freedom.

Later, he attacked the New Ireland Forum as a useless exercise which had been set up as a lifeline for the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

Two soldiers of the Second Battalion, The Queen's Regiment were treated for slight burns after the Londonderry explosion, which was aimed at a joint police and army pa. trol as it drove near the city's Guildhall on Saturday night. Chief Inspector Robert Boyd said: I can only describe it as a despicable act."

Mr Quigley is the third member of the Provisional IRA to die in a terrorist incident in the province this year and his death came only hours before republicans throughout Ireland began a series of parades commemorating the 68th anniversary of the 1916 Easter rising.

The bomb had been concealed in a hijacked van, abandoned with its rear doors open in a car park near the embankment of the Foyle.

As a three-vehicle patrol of Land Rovers passed, terrorists including Mr Quigley detonated the bomb by either a conventional command wire or a piece of fishing line. The rear of the van had been packed with the can of petrol to create a firebomb, and breeze blocks held it in place.

Mr Quigley was about 70 feet from the van when the blast occured shortly after 10pm in an area where there is a big bus depot and a taxi rank. The road where the bomb exploded was scorched black by the fierce heat from the petrol, but other members of the security forces in the patrol escaped injury.

The "own goal" by the Provisional IRA is the second mistake in a week by the terrorists in Londonderry. Last Tuesday the organization apologized for shooting a 22-year-old Roman Catholic in mistake for an undercover soldier. Mr Stephen Logue from Bogside underwent emergency surgery to remove bullet wounds to his chest after he had been attacked by provisional IRA gunmen as he drove his car towards the city centre.

● Security forces along the border in Northern Ireland were warned by the Provisional IRA yesterday that terrorist attacks on them would increase in the next few months.

The warning was delivered in a message from the organization during a parade in Crossmaglen, south Armagh which was one of many held to commemorate the 1916 Easter rising. Thousands of republicans took part in parades, many of which included men and women dressed in para-military uniform, across the province

Orders given on charges over Maze jail break

From a Staff Reporter, Belfast

The Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Sir John Herman, has received directions from the Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland, on whether charges should be brought over the mass escape from the Maze jail.

Sir Barry Shaw, the director, and his officials have spent more than two months studying a substantial file from a police inquiry into the breakout seven months ago by 38 Provisional IRA prisoners.

The four-month inquiry covered all matters surrounding the escape, from which 19 prisoners are still on the run.

Sir Barry has refused to say what directions he has sent to Sir John, but Unionist politicians and the Prison Officers' Association will be interested to see if any of the 19 prisoners recaptured will face criminal charges.

Hundreds of people, including prison staff, prisoners and recaptured escapees, were questioned by detectives on events during the breakout, in which a prison officer, Mr James Ferris, aged 43, died.

In his report into the escape Sir James Henessy said Mr Ferris, who had been stabbed three times in the chest, ran from a gate lodge chased by a prisoner, Dermot Finucane, before collapsing and dying.

Sir James adds that Finucane, still at large, stabbed two officers entering the prison. In the escape four officers were stabbed, two were shot and 13 kicked and beaten.

The report also studied the role of Mr Ian McFarlane, whose home near the Maze was used by eight escapes on the night of the breakout.

Mr McFarlane claimed that the fugitives made him swear an oath of silence for 72 hours on the Bible. Under Northern Ireland's emergency legislation people can be charged with withholding information.

The report did not include investigations into claims from Roman Catholic priests that up to 90 prisoners were ill-treated. The priests said some were assaulted by officer after the escape.

Sir John has no power to alter Sir Barry's directions.

UK plans to reduce air fares in Europe and end EEC restrictions

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Britain is planning an assault on high air fares in Europe next month. Also under attack will be restrictive practices by European state airlines which Britain believes are contrary to United Kingdom interests and in flagrant contravention of the Treaty of Rome.

Proposals, to be put to the Council of Ministers on May 10, are seen not only as striking a blow for the European air traveller, now paying 40 per cent more than he should by the Government's estimates, but also as a strong riposte to EEC states that have accused Britain in recent months of being "non-European".

The proposals will call for an important step towards a common market in aviation by allowing airlines of any EEC country to enter any European internal route without restrictions.

That would generate a totally new style of competition for Europe in fares, number and timing of flights and quality of service, all of which have been closely controlled by governments under bilateral agreements up to now.

It would extend to Europe the kind of competition seen increasingly on Britain's domestic routes in recent months which the Government considers good for the traveller and the airlines. British Midland flying on British Airways shuttle routes is an example.

Britain has a strong interest in cheaper and more efficient air transport in Europe. British businessmen have further to go to reach the heartland of the EEC and therefore suffer more from high fares; and Britain's cheaper and more efficient airlines, including charter companies such as Britania, Dan Air and Monarch, would prove strong competitors against Europe's generally flabbier, feather bedded concerns.

There is also considerable indignation among ministers, which has mounted during the EEC budget fracas of the past year, that Britain is being put constantly in the dock as "non communautaire" while being denied the prizes which its particular skills might be expected to win from the community.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, who will lead the United Kingdom delegation next month, said in an exclusive interview: "We dismantled our protective barriers to allow free competition in the supply of goods. But when it comes to competition in services – road haulage, insurance, aviation – they will not dismantle, which is unfair."

Britain's demands will be put simultaneously with a new Brussels memorandum on aviation which goes some way in the same direction. But the Government fears that in the absence of powerful new pressure from Britain it will be frustrated in all too familiar style by the stonewalling tactics of the Council of Ministers.

This time things look like being different: because, Mr Ridley, says there are "winds of change" blowing through the corridors of aviation from the United States and Britain into Europe; and because there is a growing threat of court action against obstruction by governments and airlines.

Most of all though, there now seems a readiness of the part of Britain to act unilaterally, if necessary. *The kind of policies* Britain wants could be started on a bilateral route with a friendly state, The Netherlands for example, without waiting for EEC authorization.

Accident toll rises for stunt bicycles

From Our Correspondent Liverpool

Road safety officers are alarmed at the rising toll of accidents among children performing stunts on BMX bicycles on busy roads. Since the craze for the specially strengthened BMX (bicycle moto cross) machines began, accidents among young cycists have risen by nearly 150 per cent on Merseyside.

Mr Dennis Edwardes, road safety officer for Wirrall, said: "Bikes like the BMX encourage people to perform stunts and tricks which are very dangerous. Popular stunts like jumps, wheelies and bunnyhops should be done in private and not on the road.

"I know if this particular machine was off the market the number of accidents would be reduced."

But Mr Barry Porter, Conservative MP for Wirrall South and a member of the Commons Select Committee on Transport, said yesterday: "It is the parents' responsibility to make sure that their children are properly trained and do not act in a sillly fashion



Mr Barry Porter: "Parents responsible"

Accidents have risen across Merseyside with the greatest increase in Wirral where 108 *young males were injured* last year compared with 44 in 1982. Female injuries were up by only 10 per cent over the year.

Mr Alan Lewis, senior road safety officer for the Wirral, said: "Children know the capabilities of the bike and when they start doing tricks on the roadside this invariably leads to accidents.

A spokesman for *BMX Weekly*, a magazine for BMX riders said: "We stress the safety aspects of the BMX. Even a trick like the "kerb endo" – a front wheel balance on the kerb – should not be performed on the road.

House fires kill four in Scotland

Four people died in three house fires in Scotland yesterday.

Mrs Ann West, aged 56, her daughter, Mrs Margaret Anderson, aged 28, and her granddaughter, Marlene Anderson, aged nine, died when fire badly damaged their home at Plean, near Stirling.

Mrs West's son, James, aged 24, is being treated in Stirling Royal Infirmary for burns.

A baby aged 23 days, Joan Nicholson, died in a cottage fire near Uig on the Isle of Skye after her mother and grandmother tried to reach her. Her father, Mr William Micholson, a shepherd, was away from home helping with the lambing at a farm near Hawick in the Borders.

He had not seen his child and left immediately for Skye when told of the tragedy.

Another house fire at Loancroft Avenue, Baillieston, near Glasgow, affected seven people.

Mrs Mary Rennie, aged 57, is being treated at Glasgow Royal Infirmary for the effects of smoke. Her daughter, Mary, aged 23, has a spine fracture and a son, Michael, aged 21, is being treated for burns.

Two grandchildren, Dominic McElhill, aged 11, and his sister, Lee-Ann, aged six, are being treated at the Sick Children's Hospital, Glasgow, for the effects of smoke.

Other members of the family were slightly injured when they jumped from the terrace house to escape.

In Glasgow yesterday police continued to investigate the death of five members of the Doyle family, a week after a fire caused by an arsonist at Bankend Street, Ruchazie, Glasgow.

Mr James Doyle, aged 53, and his son, Daniel, aged 28, are still critically ill in Glasgow Royal infirmary. Police wish to interview them in an attempt to discover the motive for the attack on the family house.

A cupboard next to the Doyles' house on the third floor of a tenement was set on fire, and flames spread rapidly

Farmers fear higher levy to halt pig disease

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Britain's pig farmers, who are just beginning to see signs of recovery after three years of overproduction and depressed prices, now fear there will be steeply increased levies to pay *for the eradication of Aujeszky's* disease.

A slaughter programme was introduced last year in the hope of eliminating the disease, which is carried by a virus, and which causes sows to abort.

The levy was set at 30p for every pig slaughtered, and farmers hoped the rest of the cost of compensation could be met from the proceeds of sales of the unaffected pigs from the slaughtered herds.

However, the compensation fund is now estimated to be between £16m and £18m in debt. The National Farmers' Union has been heavily criticized for getting its sums wrong and for overestimating the returns from a depressed market.

The Ministry of Agriculture has refused to provide any *financial aid*, insisting that the programme must be funded from within the industry.

Pollution in Europe's forests

Degrees of blame for acid rain

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

As the green tips of the new foliage begin to sprout in the forests of Europe, the extent of the increase of dead trees attributed to atmospheric pollution such as acid rain is becoming apparent. The worst affected region remains West Germany where one third of the forests are damaged to some degree.

There are increasingly large stands of dead trees of all varieties and of deterioration with deformed shoots, shrivelling roots and progressive thinning of tree crowns.

Yet the experts continue to differ in interpreting from the same facts the reasons for the rapid decline during the past four to five years and about the degree of blame to attach to acid rain.

These differences are evident in three publications. One provides the results of a research project which followed pollutant materials from power stations and industrial plant from which they were discharged into the upper atmosphere.

There the materials were converted to acid rain, acid snow, trace metal deposits, ozone and photochemical mists.

These compounds were tracked hundreds of miles from their sources in the eastern part of the United States in an eastwards direction over the northern hemisphere.

The measurements, reported in the current issue of *Nature*, were made by scientists of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

They pursued the sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide, using an airborne laser to analyse the chemical reactions taking place in the upper atmosphere. From these studies they concluded that the acid rain and other pollutants were deposited in remote parts of the ocean and in polar regions.

But an analysis of acid rain by Dr Peter Chester, director of the Central Electricity Research Laboratories at Leatherhead, Surrey, would need some of that material to account for the rise in acidity in lochs in Scotland.

Writing in the *Electrical Power Engineer*, Dr Chester says: "There is no doubt that emissions of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen into the atmosphere do contribute to the acidity deposited on natural ecosystems. If the acid is dilute *enough* there is no reason to suppose that problems would arise since the natural environment is well used to handling acids."

Dr Chester defends the Central Electricity Generating Board tall-stack policy for dispersing sulphur dioxide high into the atmosphere.

He says the contribution that the sulphur dioxide from the board's power stations makes to the amount which falls elsewhere in Europe is very small. Therefore, he rejects a proposal from the European Commission, made at the beginning of the year, to combat the problems of acid rain by requiring all new power stations exceeding 300 megawatts; after January 1, 1985, to limit sulphur dioxide emissions.

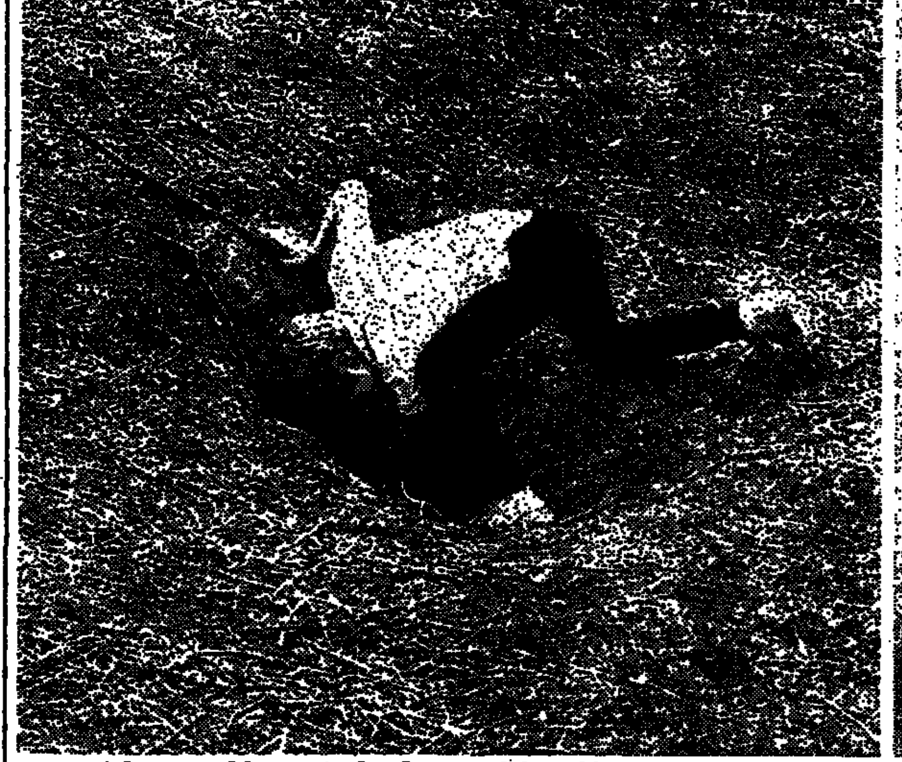
He said that would be too expensive and that proposals to add equipment to existing stations would cost the Board more than £1,500m.

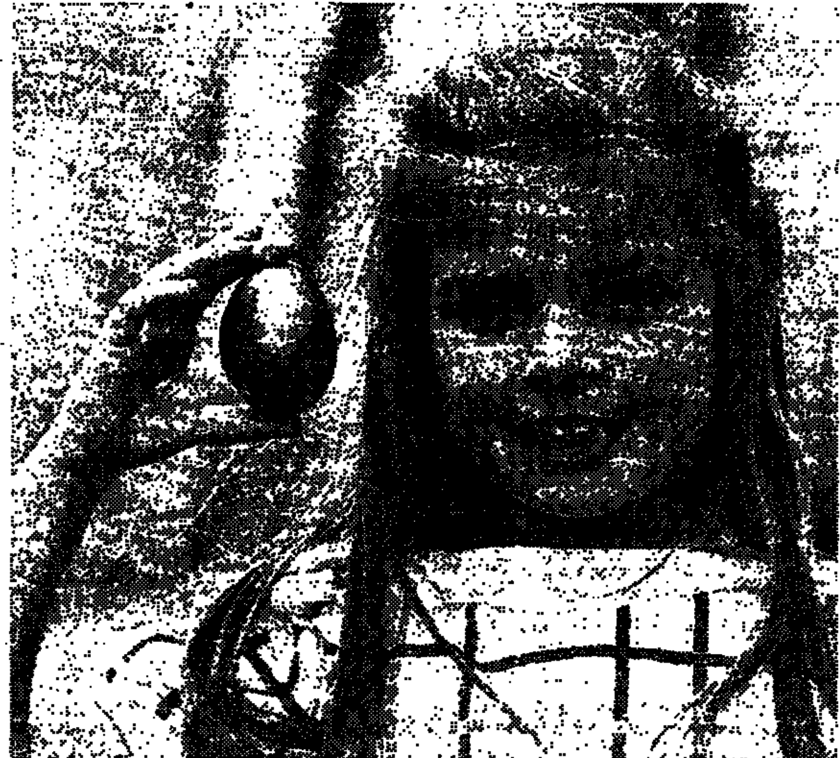
In an opposite conclusion, another expert, Miss Sandra Postel, urges immediate action to curb sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide. Her evidence is contained in *Air Pollution, Acid Rain and the Future of Forests.* Miss Postel says scientists cannot fully explain how forest destruction is occurring but air pollutants and acid rain are apparently causing stress to sensitive forests beyond their ability to cope.

Weakened by air pollution, acidic and impoverished soil or *poisonous* metals, trees lose their resistance to natural events such as drought, insect attacks and frost.

The survey depicts how during the past century fossil fuel and smelting emissions have altered the chemistry of the atmosphere at an unprecedented pace. Today the atmosphere receives as much sulphur from human activities as it does naturally from oceans, swamps and volcanoes.

The great Easter egg hunt in Leeds Castle grounds





A boy searching yesterday for one of the 5,000 chocolate eggs hidden in the grounds of Leeds Castle near Maidstone, Kent and (right) a girl from Orpington who found one (Photographs: John Manning)

Drive to curb use of cheap foreign drugs

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Family doctors' leaders have launched a campaign to ensure that patients receive the drugs prescribed for them, rather than cheap imported versions which may have dangerous variations in dosage or effect.

The General Medical Services Committee of the British Medical Association is asking doctors in future to stamp all their prescriptions *"UK licensed products only"*.

The move comes after reports of patients suffering adverse effects from the boom in "parallel" imports of cheap drugs from Europe, which are similar but not identical to British products of the same name.

Up to £100m of such drugs are estimated to be imported each year, the incentives for chemists being that they can dispense the cheaper drug and charge the National Health Service the full cost of the British equivalent.

The association says that it had had reports of drugs being dispensed with differently worded instructions to the British product, different dosages, different formulations and in one case a drug with the same name but a different make-up to the British product.

The family doctor's action follows the announcement earlier this month that ministers are to tighten up the safety controls on imported drugs.

Runcie's Easter theme is faith

The Christian faith is the only real evidence of Jesus's resurrection, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said in his Easter Day sermon at Canterbury Cathedral yesterday.

"From the beginning it has been the abiding conviction of his followers that Jesus is no dead hero, merely to be remembered and honoured by a cenotaph or Mausoleum." Dr Runcie said. "Jesus is a living saviour, active in life and death."

It was in the Christian faith, the heroic sacrifice of saints and the daily worship of the Church that compelling evidence of the resurrection was found, he continued.

Christians in every generation and every part of the world had known the power of Christ in their lives, transforming them with forgiveness, love and hope, and had recognized in Christ the very person and presence of God.

Dr Runcie added that the New Testament contained the irrepressible conviction of the first Christians who had seen and believed that Jesus was alive, risen from the dead and powerfully present in the lives of his followers.

MP seeks less intensive farming

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers and conservationists have a common interest in "getting agriculture down to a lower gear", an article in *Rucksack*, the journal of the Ramblers' Association, suggests.

Its author, Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston, blames governments and politicians for goading farmers into a high input and high output system.

The excessive price of land, he says, has forced them to get the highest possible yields out of both soil and stock to service their capital debt or to pay their rent.

"The farmer has been getting the blame, but that is unfair", he writes. "The policymakers devise the policy and decide how to get farmers to conform to it. This they do with a cocktail of grants, levies, subsidies and tax allowances, laced with questionable advice."

The rates rumpus: 1

An unequal share of misery

Local government finance is becoming so complex that even the experts find it hard to understand. But that will not stop rates demands landing on millions of doormats in the coming weeks. In the first of three articles, *Hugh Clayton*, Local Government Correspondent, explains the bewildering political rumpus about rates.

Rates demands, like tulips, come in April. The tulips have been blooming after the cold spring, heralding the arrival of rates bills. The demands are less alarming than the local government lobby predicted.

The local government lobby in action is a spectacular device. As with the most expensive Guy Fawkes rockets it goes up with a whoosh and comes down in a shower of bright starry pieces that crackle and crepitate as they descend.

The initial whoosh came when the Government told councils how much it would contribute to their spending in the 12 months that have just begun. The councils made their point through the associations of authorities which form the visible backbone of the local government lobby.

The associations opened a noisy attack before Christmas on the Government's plan to spice a cut in its contribution with stiffer penalties for what it saw as "overspending" by councillors. The Government pays about half of the total cost of council spending and ratepayers the other half.

Bang went the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities just before Christmas. "A rates crisis will hit ratepayers in towns and cities throughout the country next April," it proclaimed. Fizz went the Conservative-led Association of County Councils. "Ratepayers will face abnormally high increases or serious cuts in services or both," it groaned.

Now the bright starry things have come to rest, and the debate about abolishing the Greater London Council has pushed the argument about rates from the centre of the political stage. Most of the increases being demanded by councils are in line with the rise in the cost of living during the past year. Some councils are demanding increases much higher than the rate of inflation, but some have actually managed to reduce their rates.

The rates argument is not over, it has simply been postponed. The Government's contribution to local spending is not shared equally among councils. That means that the misery for ratepayers is not shared equally, either. A level of spending which is considered respectable by ministers earns councils a full share of grant. Those considered the worst "overspenders", in ministerial eyes, receive none.

There are three reasons why the local government lobby dislikes what the Government has done to rates this year. First, it has cut its share of local spending while letting councillors take the blame for the resulting squeeze. Second, it has made its methods of sharing out the grant more complicated instead of less. Third, it has penalized friends while letting some of its enemies go free.

The calculations are fiendishly complex. They start from the amount that ministers think councillors might spend in a financial year. There are two quite separate but parallel ways of working that out. One way produces the sum that a council needs to spend to provide adequate services. The other produces a sum based on the council's actual spending in the recent past.

The latter amount is what ministers think councils ought to spend, and is used as the trigger for penalties in the form of grant reductions. Calculation of the two sums is governed by rigid formulae, which do not always produce the same answers. Some Conservative councils have been stung this year because the amount that ministers have told them they ought to spend is less than the amount that the other formula says they need to spend.

One council was Essex, which learnt soon after being congratulated by the Government for its efficiency that it would face a penalty for "overspending". Bewildered councillors feel squeezed from several directions at once. The Government cuts its share of their spending year by year, and will cut it even more if it finds them guilty of overspending.

What is most galling of all is that the penalty system fails to trap the outrageous "overspenders". Each morsel of overspending by a council incurs a penalty in the form of a reduction in grant. The greater the overspending the harsher the cut.

It is therefore possible for a council to spend so much that it receives no grant at all. The Greater London Council is the largest of the few which have passed that point. For them the Government has had to invent a new deterrent.

Tomorrow: Rate-capping

Rate rises from April 1984 (%)

	Domestic	Commercial
London average	6.42	6.22
Metro district ave (outside London)	5.09	4.23
Non-metro dist. ave	7.11	6.08
Welsh ave	9.56	8.52
Ave for England, Wales	6.71	5.86

Source: Rating and Valuation Association Survey of all 403 rating councils except Scilly and Liverpool.

Protest at Tory calls for cash

From Our Correspondent
King's Lynn

Protests have been raised over letters asking constituents to contribute to the expenses of Mr Henry Bellingham, Tory MP for Norfolk North West.

Mr Bellingham's agent sent 100 letters with raffle tickets to people who had consulted the MP at his surgeries.

Mrs Dee Coker, of North Lynn, said yesterday "I got eight raffle tickets costing 25p each and a letter suggesting I should sell them to help offset some of the expenses incurred.

"I think it is a damn cheek. It is a backdoor method of charging people for going to a surgery which should be free and available to all constituents." Mrs Coker, a committee member of the local Social Democratic Party, added: "Mr Bellingham was most helpful and courteous. But when you have a profession your salary covers what you do."

Mr Bellingham said: "Those letters were not sent with my blessing. I don't approve of the practice because the MP provides a public service regardless of the costs."

His agent, Mr Ted Warner, said: "People don't have to sell the tickets if they don't want to".

Urban plan review to remain secret

By Peter Hennessy and David Walker

The result of the Whitehall review of the Government's £348m urban programme, the first since the rethink which followed the inner city riots of 1981, is to be kept secret.

The joint investigation, conducted by the Department of the Environment and the Treasury, with assistance from the Prime Minister's Efficiency Unit, will be completed at the end of next month.

It will be presented to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Treasury ministers. But it is being treated as an internal matter and there are no plans to release it to the all-party Commons Select Committee on the Environment or to the public.

It is emphasized in Whitehall that the investigation, known officially as the "Urban Policy Programme Review" is a value-for-money inquiry, not a cost-cutting exercise. The Treasury has already trimmed the urban budget by about 5 per cent by refusing to increase it in line with inflation.

The inquiry team is being supervized by Mr David Edmonds, the department's under-secretary in charge of its inner cities directorate. It is being led by Mr Kit Chivers, a Treasury assistant secretary, with Miss Kate Jenkins, an assistant secretary in Mrs Thatcher's Efficiency Unit, and two assistant secretaries in the Inner Cities Directorate, Mr Michael Gahagan and Mr Neil Sanders.



Mr Patrick Jenkin: To study report

Their prime purpose is to discover what evidence of the urban programme, which involves a myriad of collaborative ventures with local authorities, the public and private sectors and voluntary bodies, is proving the most effective and giving the taxpayer the best value for money.

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Surrey SW by-election

Liberal woos Tory waverers

By David Cross

If enthusiasm alone could win by-elections the Liberals would walk away with Surrey south west, the constituency of the late Viscount Macmillan, on May 3.

Led by Sir Robert Marshall, a bubbling former Permanent Secretary at the Departments of Industry, Energy and the Environment, the campaign of Mr Gavin Scott, aged 33, BBC broadcaster with such programmes as *World at One* and *Newsnight*, is crisscrossing the budding lanes of one of the prettiest constituencies in the South-east in his search for Conservatives disillusioned with Mrs Margaret Thatcher's second term of office.

On the common of the village of Dunsfold, he found just such a person, another Mrs Thatcher who conceded that she might break the habit of a lifetime and vote for the SDP-Liberal alliance. "It's this problem of employment," Mrs Doris Thatcher, of New Inn Cottage, who is nearing retirement age, said. "It is not so bad for us at our stage in life but it must be dreadful for the young."

"There" Mr Scott said triumphantly at the stroke of good fortune which had led him to both a Conservative waverer and a namesake of the Prime Minister. "I told you so."

Earlier, before setting off from the nooks and crannies of the tiny former repertory theatre in Farnham which serves as his campaign headquarters, he had told a press conference that he had met many voters in this Conservative stronghold who were becoming increasingly disturbed at the extremism of the Prime Minister's attitude since last June's general election.

"She may preach the freedom of the individual, but she practises the destruction of that right," Mr Scott said. Unemployment, as well as cuts in education, and the national health service, was making even relatively affluent people furious, he had found.

At the last election, Mr Maurice Macmillan, as he then was, secured a 14,351 vote majority over his Liberal opponent. But in 1974 the son of the former Conservative Prime Minister, who held the seat for 18 years, saw his majority fall to a mere 6,000 or so.

In a constituency which includes stockbroking communities such as Haslemere, with more first class rail commuters to London than any other town in the country, that was a considerable setback.

Mr Scott, who Sir Robert describes as the best Liberal candidate Surrey south west has had in his time in the constituency, is fighting his first election. But not so Mrs Virginia Bottomley, aged 36, the attractive and articulate wife of Mr Peter Bottomley, Conservative MP for Eltham.

If you count the various times she has helped her husband (and her assistance is said to have been worth several hundred votes to him) this is her fifth parliamentary election.

In the week or so since her adoption from a huge field of prospective candidates a well-oiled local party machine has wheeled her to every corner of the constituency to meet members of the 35 Conservative branches.

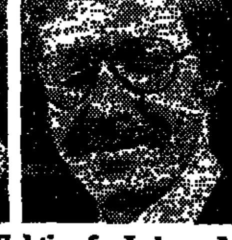
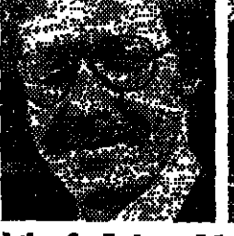
"I feel very strongly that every candidate has to show he or she is worthy of winning", she said as she sipped a cool orange juice in the sun outside the Georgian splendour of one party stalwart.

"My first priority is to get myself in the constituency and to take time and trouble to work with local people on local issues."

Support for the Labour Party in Surrey, South West, fell to an all-time low of 8.2 per cent of the votes cast last June. Mrs Barbara Roche, aged 30, a barrister and union activist who is fighting in the constituency for the first time, has made little impact on the electorate. The best she can hope for is a modest increase in the share of the Labour vote.

General election, June, 1983: Macmillan, M. (C) 31,067; Scott, G. (L/All), 16,716; Williams, S. E. D. (Lab), 4,239; C majority 14,351.



Mrs Roche (left), fighting for Labour, Mr Scott, enthusiastic Liberal, and Mrs Bottomley, articulate Conservative

Grief at pithead after Yugoslav disaster



Grim aftermath: Grief-stricken relatives (top) after the disaster and rescuers (below) bringing out a body

Gas blast kills 33 at Serbian mine

Belgrade (AP, Reuter) – The death toll in Saturday's methane gas explosion at a coal mine in eastern Yugoslavia rose to 33 after the bodies of two more miners were found, the Tanjug news agency reported.

The explosion was at the Strmosten pit of the Vodna mine, about 100 miles from here. Fourteen men were injured in the blast, the report said. Three of them were seriously hurt and were in hospital in Belgrade.

Another injured miner was taken to a provincial hosptial, but his life was not in danger.

The cause of the disaster should be known in 15 to 20 days, the chief mining inspector, Mr Dusan Petrovic, said yesterday.

A miner who helped in rescue operations said: "There was no help to be given when we got down there. We found only dead. There were no cries for help and no sound. The victims had terrible burns."

Reagan sets off by a restful route to visit the Chinese

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is on his way to China, taking a restful four-day route through Hawaii and Guam. It will be his first visit to a communist country and the first to a nation whose system he has lambasted all his political life. White House officials talk excitedly about "the evolution in his thinking."

It is known, of course, as Mr Reagan's slow boat to China.

The change in atmosphere between the United States and China is one of the strangest foreign policy phenomena of the Administration. Mr Reagan's first two years in the White House were marked by bitter recriminations, principally over arms sales to Taiwan. His unceasing belligerence towards China was a factor in the resignation of Mr Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State.

Remarkably, relations are now better than they were under President Carter. With an eye to the potential business market offered by a nation of a billion people, the President's ideological prejudices have given way with bewildering speed to pragmatic politics and economics.

The President, who arrives in Peking on Thursday, will find that the Chinese leaders share many of his own strategic concerns about Soviet military expansion in the Pacific Basin region. The Chinese are also concerned about the Soviet-backed Vietnamese presence in Cambodia and the 100,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan. The buildup of SS20 missiles in the Soviet Far East, many of them targeted towards China and Japan, is another worry.

As part of Mr Reagan's new realism towards China, he will be seeking a relationship built on practical considerations of trade and technology transfer and the recognition of China's increasing importance in Asia. He will not be seeking strategic partnership with the Chinese - itself a sharp reversal of policy.

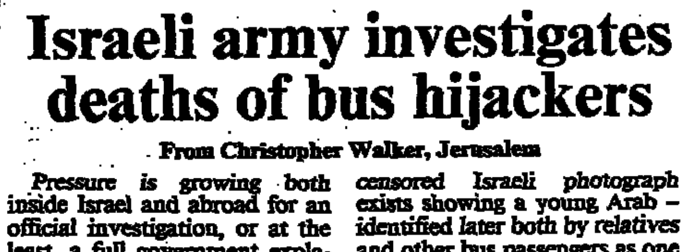
The turning point began slowly after August 1982, when the United States pledged steadily to reduce the quantity and quality of arms sales to Taiwan.

In talks with Mr Deng, Mr Reagan will emphasize America's concern about "state terrorism" and Soviet-backed aggression in Central America. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who will accompany the President, said: "We want to explain to the Chinese our view of the situation in Central America."

The trip, the first by an American President in nine years, is partly an election year event. Visiting the Great Wall has become something of a Presidential "must" – so much so that the US advance party insisted that scaffolding near the site to be visited by Mr Reagan should be dismantled. It would, they said, spoil the television pictures.

The Chinese, who sent 30 journalists when their leader came to America recently, seem somewhat bewildered by the hundreds of journalists and back-up teams.

The trip has been devised to avoid undue strain on Mr Reagan, who will have to cope with a 13-hour time difference. His aides do not want him to nod off, as he did briegly during an appearance with the Pope on a trip to Europe in 1982. On his way home he will meet the Pope again, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the Papal aircraft will stop for refuelling on its way to Korea.



Israeli army investigates deaths of bus hijackers

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Pressure is growing both inside Israel and abroad for an official investigation, or at the least, a full government explanation, of how two of the four young Palestinian guerrillas who hijacked a bus earlier this month were killed.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which claimed its men carried out the attack has asked the International Red Cross to investigate. Mr Yossi Sarid, a prominent member of Israel's opposition Labour Party, has demanded an inquiry.

Last night Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, said on Israel's army radio that the army was carrying out "a customary post-operational analysis" of events surrounding the hijacking drama, after which the facts would be made clear.

But he emphasized in an interview, the full version of which will be broadcast later today to coincide with the end of Passover, that he had no reason to doubt the veracity of official reports which had already been issued.

There is speculation that at least one of the guerrillas may have been captured alive and killed later. At least one censored Israeli photograph exists showing a young Arab – identified later both by relatives and other bus passengers as one of the four dead hijackers – being led away handcuffed.

The reticence of the Israeli press to devote much space to the controversy was broken yesterdy *al-Hamishmar*, the paper of the left-wing Mapam Party, which published a lead story (approved by the military censor), quoting "authorized senior sources" as stating that there was now no alternative to the establishment of a commission of inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two of the four hijackers.

The story, which was given considerable prominence in the official translation service provided by the government press office, quoted the Israeli sources as insisting that there should be no abetting any "cover up" of a "disgusting act".

● BEIRUT: Christian and muslim militiamen exchanged machine gun and grenade fire yesterday near the closed highway that crosses the "green line" dividing Beirut (Our Correspondent writes).

Hell's Angels muscle in on Olympic torch

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Embarrassed Los Angeles Olympic officials admitted that the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang will be part of the 15,000 kilometre run across the USA bearing the Olympic torch.

The Ventura branch of the club has paid the $3,000 (£2,000) which entitles its members to run a leg carrying the flame to the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Mr George "Gus" Christie, president of the Ventura chapter, displayed a letter from Olympic officials saying: "We are delighted that you are participating".

Groups willing to give $3,000 to charity and agreeing to conform to regulations can run.

Officials admitted that the cheque sent to them said simply "HAMCUS".

"I had no idea what it was," said an Olympic spokesman. The acronym stands for "Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club of the United States".

Canadian claims he was US spy in peace camp

From Robert Schuil, Amsterdam

A 42-year-old Canadian has admitted infiltrating the anti-cruise missile camp at Woensdrecht Air Force base in the south of the Netherlands as an agent of a United States intelligence organization.

According to reports in the Dutch press John Paul Gardiner told leaders of the peace movement at Woensdrecht that the Americans had ordered him to infiltrate the camp on November 29 last year. He managed to penetrate a small group of activists in charge of planning and passed informaton to the Dutch counter-espionage service.

Mr Gardiner offered proof of his activities by telephoning one of his Dutch contacts with false information about a planned demonstration. A large contingent of police duly apeared at the appointed time and place.

● Mutlangen: The West German anti-nuclear movement was expecting more than 100,000 people to attend Easter rallies (Reuters reports). An activist said U S guards fired warning shots at him after he broke into an American base here which houses Pershing 2 missiles.

● Moscow: Members of an unofficial Soviet anti-nuclear group planted a "garden for peace", complete with a flower bed arranged in the ban-the-bomb sign

European notebook

Thatcher's intentions in question

Mrs Thatcher's determination to reform the EEC, forcefully expressed yet again in Lisbon last week, continues to send shivers of apprehension down the collective spine of the other member states.

However unpopular she has become among her fellow leaders, Mrs Thatcher continues to demand respect as one of the most powerful radicals in the Community. Her determination to win, backed by the fact that Britain holds the power to screw up the works if it fails to get its way, have led to reluctant acceptance of the fact that the Community can never be the same again.

There are those, such as the Italians, who view this with genuine regret. Its politicians tend to look back nostalgically to the good old days when Italy was the only poor member of a booming little rich man's Community.

There are those, such as West Germany, who recognize the need for change but who are wary, at this austere time, of paying for it.

But just what sort of change Britain is after arouses suspicion and worry. Everybody knows that Mrs Thatcher does not like spending "her money" in Europe, unless she can expect an excellent return on the investment. Everybody apparently fears that Britain remains spiritually an offshore European island with no real intention of involving itself in the Community any more than it has to.

These fears surfaced earlier this month at a meeting in Luxembourg between the 10 EEC foreign ministers and ministers from the seven European Free Trade Association (Efta) countries. The meeting marked the tenth anniversary of the agreements between the two blocks, which had led from the start of this year to an end of all tariffs on industrial goods traded between them.

That meeting looked forward to even greater cooperation, breaking down technical barriers, harmonizing standards, eliminating state aid and unfair trading practices. These are the kind of objectives shared by everyone from Mr Tony Benn to Mr Enoch Powell by way of Mr Teddy Taylor.

And therein lies the seed of the suspicion that is sprouting widely in the Community: when Mrs Thatcher talks of change, does she not really mean the creation of a rather loose, convenient free trade area.

M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, was quick to make the point after the meeting between the Eftans and the Eecites. It had to be understood "on the other side of the Channel", he said, that the EEC went much farther and meant much more than a mere free trade area.

It had common rules and regulations. It had a common agricultural policy. It had a common parliament and a common budget. Its aim was not to build a fortress Europe as a trading block against the rest of the world, but to forge a common economy with a common purpose.

With Efta locked into its free trade area, the EEC can claim to be part of the largest such system in the world, with over 300 million consumers. It is a market capable of dominating Japan and competing with the United States if only it could work together. But Efta, with three of its strongest members – Sweden, Switzerland and Austria – committed neutrals, could not be fully integrated without adding enormously and probably destructively to the existing internal tensions.

This should provide at least one answer to those who doubt Mrs Thatcher's intentions on reform. There can be no member country more committed to the defence of Western Europe

Sir Nicholas Henderson, when he was Ambassador in Paris, used to keep a map of northern France in his office, which was densely studded with little pins. When asked what they were he would explain that they marked British war cemeteries. "I keep that to show that Britain's involvement in Europe goes back well before the Treaty of Rome", he would say.

Ian Murray

Cubans are killed by Unita bomb

A Unita bomb which exploded in the central Angolan city of Huambo killed a number of Cubans as well as Angolans and seriously injured many more (Our Foreign Staff writes).

A report by the Yugoslav agency Tanjug said about 20 Cubans and 10 Angolans were killed; Tass despatch from Luanda put the number of deaths at 100; and a Unita communiqué issued in Paris said its bomb had killed more than 200 people in a building occupied by Soviet and Cuban officers.

Unita claimed that among the dead were 37 Cuban senior officers and two Soviet lieutenant-colonels, but Tass and Tanjug said the victims were Cuban technicians, engineers, advisers and doctors with their wives and children.

AIDS cause 'has been found'

New York (Reuter) – French research has uncovered a virus that is the cause of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) disease, Dr James Mason, chief of the US Federal Centres for Disease Control, told *The New York Times* in an interview published yesterday.

He said researchers had discovered the virus at the Pasteur Institute in Paris last year. He predicted development of a diagnostic test for AIDS and a test to help in prevention. But production of a vaccine could take many more years.

Hope fades for Everest climber

Katmandu (AFP) – A Bulgarian team has failed to rescue Hristo Ivanov Prodanov, an engineer from Sofia, stranded at 27,884 ft after climbing Everst on Friday without oxygen. His chances of survival are throught to be slim, as strong winds and bad weather increased.

Mr Prodanov, aged 41, ran into difficulties on his way back to base and radioed for help.

Destroyer sinks blazing ship

Cartagena (AP) – A Spanish Navy destroyer fired on and sank an 800-ton Greek cargo ship, the Aretous, adrift after a fire on board, port officials said here.

In London, the US Navy said helicopters from the Sixth Fleet rescued the crew of 10, which had abandoned the blazing ship and taken to a lifeboat.

Zanzibar vote

Zanzibar (Reuter) – Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the sole candidate, has been elected President of Zanzibar, taking 87.5 per cent in a "yes" or "no" vote to replace Aboud Jumbe, who resigned in January. The result was seen as a victory for those wanting Zanzibar to stay part of the Tanzanian union.

Tower tribute

Tokyo (AP) – A tower will be built at Japan's northern tip overlooking the Sea of Okhotsk in memory of the 269 people who died when Soviet fighters shot down a South Korean airliner last September.

Family suicide

Annonay (AP) – A 28-year-old French mother who openly talked of suicide after separation from her husband took her three young children and walked into a train tunnel near here where all four were killed by a goods train.

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Army chiefs' backing may clinch Duarte victory in Salvadorean election

From John Carlin, San Salvador

With presidential elections in El Salvador now less than two weeks away the political climate is unusually placid, partly because of the decorous inactivity which all parties respect at Easter and partly because of a growing sense that the result is a foregone conclusion.

The bloodbath which many had predicted for the interim period between the first round of elections on March 25 and the decisive run-off vote on May 6 failed to materialize, so far at least.

Major Roberto D'Aubuisson only claimed 29 per cent of the vote on March 25 and that, it seems, will not be enough to win in the head-on confrontation with Señor Jos Napoleón Duarte, who won 43 per cent of the vote first time round.

But Major D'Aubuisson's extreme right-wing supporters in the Nationalist Republican Alliance Party (Arena) have not embarked on the campaign of violent intimidation many had feared, possibly because it was tried and failed before the last poll.

The statisticians' cold analysis has been that Señor Duarte must win. Last week he received news which in the eyes of all non-D'Aubuisson supporters – and even many of them – will clinch victory for him on May 6.

The leader of the party which came third in the first round, with 19 per cent of the vote, The National Conciliation Party (PCN), said he would stay neutral in the run-off. He would not throw his weight publicly behind Major D'Aubuisson, a prospect which Señor Duarte's Christian Democrat Party had feared might tip the balance in Arena's favour.

The PCN leader, Dr Francisco Guerrero, turned down four Cabinet posts which Major D'Aubuisson had offered his less extreme, but still very right-wing party, in exchange for his support. Dr Guerrero has said several times that Arena's ideology is "too radical,. too intransigent".

A veteran political insider in El Salvador said last week, however, that Dr Guerrero's more pressing reason for turning down Major D'Aubuisson's offer was that it would effectively mean the absorption of the PCN into Arena, putting an end to his own chances of reaching the presidency.

Señor Duarte also lobbied for Dr Guerrero's support but did not offer him any ministries in his likely future government.

Even more decisive than Dr Guerrero's support, Señor Duarte has the tacit backing of the Army high command, according to military sources.

The Army Chief of Staff, Colonel Adolfo Blandón, is not alone among his peers in reportedly resenting the prospect of a cashiered major, formerly of the National Guard branch of the security forces, becoming his commander-in-chief.

What is more, Colonel Blandón is said to believe that Major D'Aubuisson's grasp of the military situation in the four-and-a-half year civil war against left-wing guerrillas is so simplistic as to be potentially disastrous.

● WASHINGTON: Two US Senators said that Señor Duarte told them he would seek negotiations with Nicaragua if elected. (The *New York Times* reports.)

Brasilia misses celebrations

Brasilia (Reuter) – Brazil's capital missed Saturday's anniversary celebrations for the first time in its 24-year history, under severe emergency measures designed to curb a growing opposition campaign for direct elections.

Eight people were being held incomunicado by police after the first arrests under the measures. They were imposed ahead of a crucial parliamentary debate on Wednesday on an opposition amendment to permit the next President to be chosen by direct popular vote rather then by an electoral college controlled by the ruling party.

There was no sign of Brasilia's customary colourful anniversary celebrations, which traditionally include popular fairs, sports event and an official ceremony. Only a concert in the city's main theatre was scheduled.

The opposition has held rallies of one million people in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil's largest city, over the past two weeks as part of the direct elections campaign.

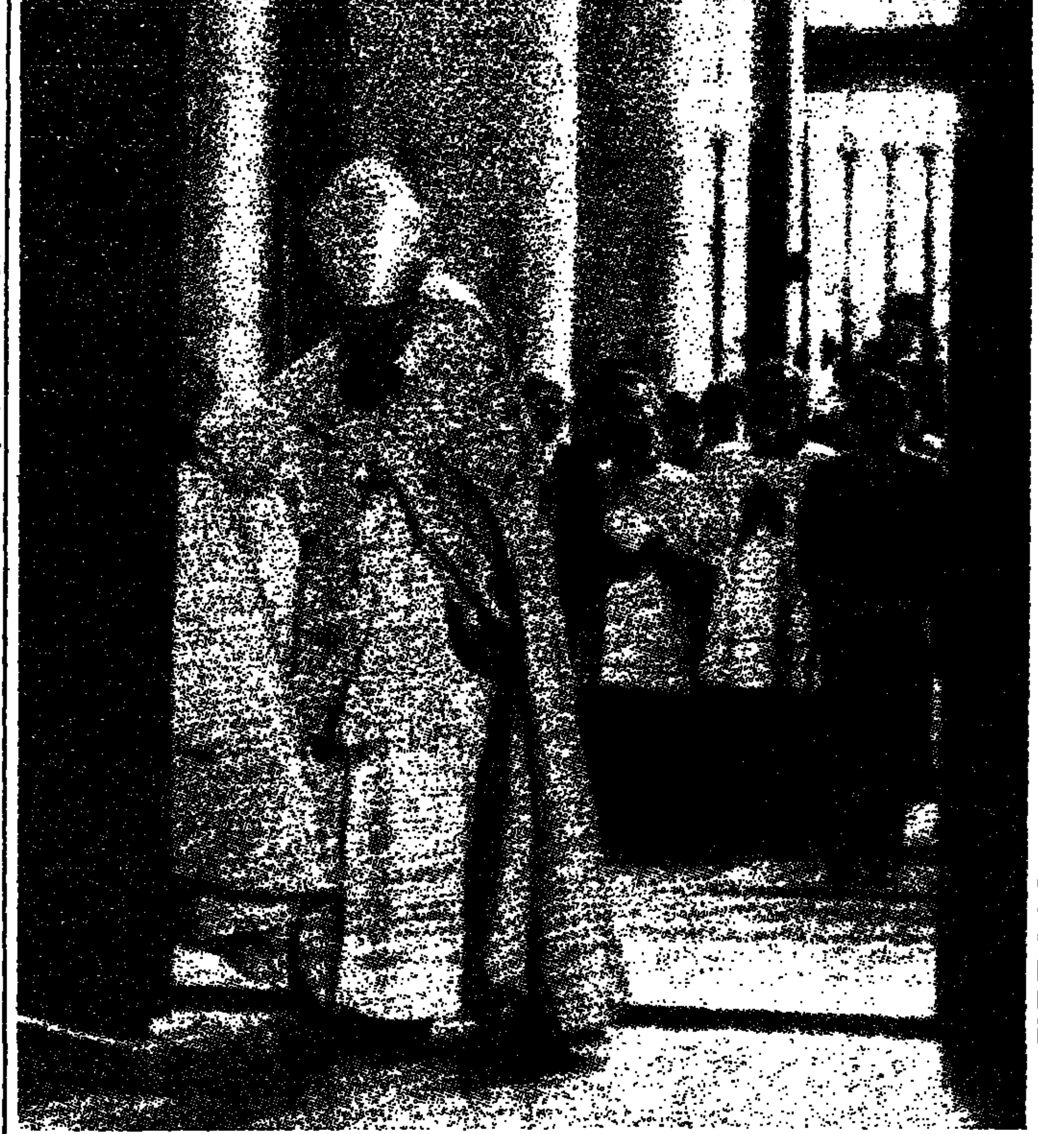
São Paulo's Roman Catholic Archbishop, Cardinal Evaristo Arns, said in São Panlo after a meeting of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops that the Church was "all in favour" of direct elections.

The television network, TV Manchete, said that the military officer in charge of the capital's broadcastihng station had prevented the screening of an interview with Senhor Ulysses Guimarães, leader of the main opposition Democratic Movement (PMDB).

Interviews with the left-wing Governor of Rio de Janeiro state, Senhor Leonel Brizola, and with the PMBD Governor of Minas Gerais state, Senhor Tancredo Neves, were also taken off the air in Brasilia.

An officer at one of five roadblocks around the capital to stop would-be demonstrators, said that anyone wearing badges or T-shirts with slogans in favour of direct elections would be arrested.

The opposition cancelled plans for a mass rally in Brasilia on the eve of the parliamentary debate after the emergency measures were announced. It called on supporters instead to switch their house lights off for 15 minutes, sound car horns and light fireworks in protest.



Holy Year ends: The Pope closes the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica to end the extraordinary Holy Year of Redemption

Pope denounces torturers

Rome (AP)–The Pope in his Easter Sunday address to 350,000 pilgrims in St Peter's Square, denounced "torture and terrorism" the "destructive means of war" and the hunger suffered millions of people.

Pilgrims were still streaming into the square more than an hour after the start of the outdoor Mass. The celebration, before one of the largest crowds ever to gather in the square, was televised live to 36 countries under the direction of Franco Zeffirelli, the film director.

Later the Pope, dressed in white robes laced with gold, closed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, to end the extraordinary Holy Year of Redemption. He gently pulled both sides of the door shut, as a crowd of spectators and photographers gathered around him. He knelt in prayer for several minutes, and then listened as a chorus sang: *"Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat"*. (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ rules).

The crowd, watching in sunny, warm weather, was able to see from several hundred yards away by watching a giant television screen.

The Pope spoke of the "growing contrasts" of "this our difficult modern age" during his traditional address *"Urbi et orbi"* (To the city of Rome and the world) delivered from the altar in front of the basilica after Mass. He contrasted the "ardent desire for peace and the feverish preparation of destructive means of war."

He said the "universal desire for the dignity of man and for his rights" must struggle against "brutal forms of arrogance and violence, of oppression of conscience, of torture and terrorism."

Bechtel accused of bribing Koreans for nuclear deals

Washington (Reuter) – The US Justice Department is investigating allegations that the giant Bechtel Corporation paid large amounts through a South Korean consultant between 1978 and 1980 to win nuclear plant contracts, according to government sources.

A department spokesman, Mr John Russell, denied at the weekend that any probe was being made into the actions of Mr George Shultz the Secretary of State and the Defence Secretary Mr Caspar Weinberger, who were executives at the privately owned company during the period covered by the allegations.

Mr Russell also said he could neither confirm nor deny the investigation into Bechtel, a California construction company which is estimated to make $10 billion a year.

In a brief statement issued by the State Department, Mr Shultz said: "That is a Bechtel matter and any statements made about it would appropriately be made by the Bechtel company."

The original allegations were made by a California environmentalist magazine, *Mother Jones*, which said Bechtel decided to compete for nuclear plant construction in South Korea in 1977 after Seoul said it planned to build 22 plants.

The magazine said Bechtel initially failed to win any contracts from South Korea. It then approached a Korean-American businessman reputed to have close connexions with the government of the late President, Park Chung-Hee.

After the consultant was hired and tens of thousands of dollars were channelled to South Korean officials, Bechtel began to get contracts, the magazine said.

The sources said the Justice Department was investigating possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act which prohibits American companies from trying to obtain business by making payments to foreign officials.

Mr Shultz was vice-chairman of some Bechtel affiliates, including Bechtel Power Corporation, the company involved in South Korean bidding.

He later became president of the Bechtel group and visited South Korea in 1981. He joined the Reagan Administration in June, 1982.

Mr Weinberger was vice-president and general counsel of Bechtel Power and other company affiliates before joining the Cabinet in January 1981

Bechtel has denied the bribery allegations.

Seoul expects Howe briefing on Hongkong

Seoul, (AFP) – Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, arrived here from Hongkong yesterday for a four-day official visit, during which he is expected to review recent political developments in north-east Asia with South Korean leaders.

Today he is to meet President Chun Doo Hwan, Mr Chin Lee-Chong, Prime Minister, Mr Lee Won Kyung, Foreign Minister, and Mr Jum Jin Ho, Commerce and Industry Minister.

There are no outstanding issues between Britain and South Korea, except perhaps a trade imbalance of $500,000 in Seoul's favour.

South Korean leaders are said to be expecting Sir Geoffrey to brief them on his discussions during his three-day visit to Peking last week.

He had talks there with Chinese leaders on the future of Hongkong on which China and Britain have been negotiating since September 1982. Sir Geoffrey extended his stay in Hongkong to keep in contact with London after the shooting at the Libyan People's Bureau on Tuesday. He cancelled plans to spend Easter on the Japanese island of Okinawa.

He is scheduled to leave for a two-day visit to Japan on Wednesday and to return home on April 27.

Hindus take to arms as police fail to stop Sikh gunmen running riot

From Michael Hamlyn
Amritsar

Fifteen Sikh youths roared up the dusty street of Amarkot close to the border between Indian and Pakistani Punjab. They opened fire with Sterling sub-machine guns, aiming at turbanless Hindus and Hindu shops. After a few stunning seconds the bolder Hindus seized their ancient 12-bores and began loosing off a few blasts of their own, and the raiders sped off.

Three Hindus were killed. Ten were quite badly hurt.

Amarkot is not much of a place. It is a T-junction, with a gaggle of shops and houses; 500 humans, a dozen or so starving dogs and around eight million flies populate it. The human population used to be evenly divided between the Sikh farmers and the Hindu traders, but not any longer. The Hindus are moving out.

"Look at this street," said a young Hindu, unwilling to give his name, but who supplies most of the place with eggs and chickens from his poultry farm. The street was narrow and empty. The sun, nearly vertically above, cast very little shadow. The houses were blind, windows shuttered and doors shackled. "Every day there was a crowd of children playing," he said. "Now no one lives here. They've all moved out."

Many of the people have moved to the neighbouring Hindu state of Haryana, he explained, though some have moved to what they see as the comparative safety of Amritsar.

"We are afraid of the Sikhs. Anyone can come again and do the same thing, and the police is doing nothing – have done nothing."

His mistrust of the police has reflected equally in Amritsar itself. There one of the leaders of the Hindu community, Dr Baldev Prabhan, president of the local Bharatiya Janata Party and a former minister insisted: "The police are demoralized, inefficient and afraid also."

He felt that the situation for Hindus was "quite uncertain and tense", though there was semblance of normality. "Under the surface, people feel insecure."

Dr Prabhan went off on an emergency call from one of his patients accompanied by a large bearded Sikh carrying a sub-machine gun – his bodyguard provided by the Punjab police. He has received a number of death threats telling him "your time has come. We are going to have you very soon", and ending "Khalistan Zindabad, Bhindranwale Zindabad".

Khalistan – the land of the pure – is what the Sikh extremists call the independent Sikh state they would like to create. Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale is the inspiration for those extremists. "He just spews poison against Hindus", said Dr Prabhan.

Inside the Golden Temple, the holy shrine of Sikhism, which has been turned first into an armed camp and more recently into a battle ground by warring Sikh factions, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the leader of the official agitation to gain Sikh demands, insisted that the campaign was not anti-Hindu. "Our demands are Punjabi demands, not simply Sikh demands", he said.

But Sant Bhindranwale makes no such concessions. He is out to put right what he sees are the sins of Hindu imperialism, which have crushed Sikhs, and are endangering Sikhism itself. He himself has been quoted as saying that if every Sikh killed 35 Hindus then Khalistan would automatically appear.

Certainly if the Hindus could be persuaded to leave Punjab the path to Khalistan would be easier. But that is not as easy as it sounds. For generations Sikhs and Hindus have intermarried. A Sikh may well have a Hindu mother or a Hindu wife. Some Hindu families raise one of their children as a Sikh in gratitude for some favour from the gods.

"How can they leave?" said Dr Sadhu Singn Hamdard, managing editor of the Sikh daily *AJIT* in Jullunder. "My brother is a Hindu, my mother is a Hindu. How can we be separated?"

The Hindu businessmen too will find it difficuldt to sell up and leave the state, since few will want to buy their businesses and trade is declining.

Rajinder Kumar, one of the Amarkot villagers who was wounded when the Sikh terrorists rampaged through it, would have none of this. "No sir, there is no question of my staying on. I have just come back to sell my shop, repay some loans and take the rest to Haryana."

● DELHI: Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab, remained tense after authorities extended a curfew due to have ended yesterday to six o'clock this morning (Reuter reports). The Press Trust of India said 114 Hindus and Sikhs had been arrested in Chandigarh since violence broke out last Wednesday at the funeral of a Hindu leader killed by Sikh extremists.

Big Sister's war on sex shops

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

George Orwell got it wrong, at least concerning Sweden. Here the person who is actually watching you in 1984 is Big Sister.

A militant women's group of self-styled "sex vigilantes" have begun taking photographs of men leaving sex shops in Stockholm which they then publish on posters under the slogan: "We can see you."

A sudden rash of such posters appeared over the Easter holiday in central Stockholm.

The caption under the picture of the surprised male customers reads: "Do you enjoy it when women are raped, whipped and murdered?" A reference to the increasing emphasis on sado-masochism, most of it now imported from the United States and West Germany, in Swedish sex shops.

The Big Sister campaign follows a similar action last year in which the vigilantes published the registration numbers of cars spotted picking up prostitutes on Malmskillnadsgaton, Stockholm's "street of shame". They advised readers to telephone the registration authority for the name and address of the car's owner.

Land reform and after

Collective farms soldier on

Ten years ago this week, the Portuguese armed forces overthrew the most durable authoritarian regime in Europe. In the first of three articles, **Richard Wigg** *examines the revolution's legacy on the land.*

The Amoreira da Torre estate in southern Portugal's vast Alentejo plains was one of the collectivized farms that Communist-led former day labourers liked to show off as an achievement of the revolution of April 25, 1974. When I was shown over it the big courtyard, hardly changed since the eighteenth century, was filled with heavy agricultural machinery from the Soviet Union.

When I returned I found that 720 acres, the so-called owners'



reserve under the 1977 post-revolutionary agrarian reform law, were back in the hands of the landowner's family.

Senhora Maria Praça Cunhal, now widowed, assured me: "We cultivate this land more intensively now because then we had so much that it was not necessary to farm as now. There is no comparison between how we lived then and now."

"In the south change would not have come without the revolution. But afterwards things should been taken in hand more quickly and the law applied for rich and poor alike, without favouritism", a Catholic priest and member of Evora University's sociology department told me.

After the "hot summer" of 1975 almost 600 collective farms or cooperatives had taken over nearly three million acres of privately-owned land. By the end of last year the figures were down to 360 and about 1.2 million acres.

Even though the collectivizing tide was turned back, the Alentejo remains the place where the young captains' Revolution of the Carnations achieved structural changes, which was something rare in the revolution. An ancient régime was smashed, but a productive agriculture has not been put in its place.

"The 1977 law satisfies no one" Senhor Manuel da Silva, the Ministry of Agriculture's director general in the Alentejo region, admitted, "Neither the landowners nor the collective farms, the cooperatives nor the small farmers."

Portugal still has to import 60 per cent of its food need, and, although almost one-third of the economically active population works still on the land, agriculture's share of the gross national product declined from 10 per cent in 1980 to 8.6 per cent in 1982, the last year for which figures are available.

The reinstated landowners proved loath last year to invest in stepping up productivity, alleging political insecurity and most of the communist collective farms, deprived of the credits they were granted in the 1975-79 period, are now in financial difficulties. An estimated 50,000 unemployed workers have returned to the Alentejo from the cities but only about half of the jobless landworkers receive unemployment pay.

Only about 20 the collective farms are judged to be making a profit.

Such agricultural credit as Portugal's economy can muster is too costly, and a top-heavy agricultural bureaucracy hardly helps development.

Sitting down to the end of the week accounts, Senhor Manuel Linoli, a member of the management committee of a successful Socialist cooperative near here, formed in 1975 and now with 4,000 acres and 55 members, told me: "The revolution was very important for us, but the opportunities it offered were not sufficiently seized upon".

A former agricultural worker with a good head himself, he said people had not been prepared to work hard enough after the revolution.

Tomorrow: Radical nostalgia



Face of Alentejo: A shepherd on the profitable First of May collective farm

Djilas given 18-hour jail reminder

By Dessa Trevisan

Mr Miklovan Djilas, Yugoslavia's outspoken critic of communism, told *The Times* by telephone yesterday that his 18-hour detention was clearly intended to serve notice to stay clear from politics as well as to remind him that there were limits to his activities.



Mr Djilas: Limits to his activities

Mr Djilas, who was detained on Friday together with 27 other Belgrade intellectuals gathered in a private home, was released without being charged. Confliting reports from Belgrade indicate that most of the other were also released.

Police who raided the house said that the intellectuals were detained under suspicion of intending to carrying out "hostile activities".

The police term is used for a variety of alleged political offences, but it clearly suggested growing official apprehension over criticism now being aired throughout the country and especially in intellectual circles.

The group is representive of all walks of intellectual life but it was the first time that Mr Djilas had been invited to attend such a meeting. He was to have spoken on the problem of Yugoslavia's nationalities.

It is likely that the authorities will leave it at that, and in fact Mr Djilas believes that most of those arrested would either be released without charge or at the most receive light fines or suspended sentences.

Mr Djilas, aged 73, formerly one of President Tito's closest associates, became Yugoslavia's most famous dissenter in the early 1950s, the first and only critic who came from within the innermost circle of the communist hierarchy.

For expressing his views in books and articles, he spent more than nine years in Tito's prisons and still continues to air his views fearlessly.

Denied publication in his own country, he publishes abroad. His latest book, the third volume of his autobiography entitled *Power* came out recently. Since his release from prison in 1967 he has lived relatively unmolested but isolated in his Belgrade home, speaking his mind and criticizing the regime. He sees the present Yugoslav situation as reaching an impasse and has been pleading fervently for democratic evolution ever since Tito's death.

The Government has resigned itself to his outspoken views, but it is obviously watchful of him, especially as in the more relaxed political climate of recent years he is no longer isolated from other dissidents.

The Government is obviously nervous that opposition might rally around him, and this is the main reason why the police interrupted the gathering last Friday.

Soap pistol trio flee top security Spanish prison

From Our Own Correspondent
Madrid

Spanish police were yesterday still without clues in the hunt for three prisoners who staged a spectacular escape from the country's maximum security jail.

Late as Good Friday the three used a piece of soap painted to look like a pistol to intimidate guards at Alcala prison near Madrid and fled through the deliveries entrance

The three, all common criminals, were at Alcala because they had already made daring escapes from other Spanish jails last year.

Swedes steer clear of blaming Moscow

From Our Correspondent
Stockholm

The Swedish Navy's report on the latest submarine violation of Swedish waters, near the southern naval base of Karlskrona, will not name the Soviet Union as the aggressor.

Parts of the report, leaked to the influential Social Democratic newspaper *Stockholms Tidning*, confirmed that there had been a submarine in the bay off Karlskrona and that three frogmen at one stage had tried to land on an island

A report last year blaming the Soviet Union for repeated submarine incursions caused a rift in relations

THE ARTS

Illness means that Jean Anouilh will never see Michael Frayn's adaptation of his *Number One*, which opens at the Queen's in London tomorrow, but his faith in the power of theatre remains bright: interview by **Bryan Appleyard**

The self-contained secret of silence

A few months after finishing his play *Number One* Jean Anouilh had a heart attack. He had just began writing another play but had only completed a few pages. On leaving hospital he returned to his home in Lausanne knowing that life would never be the same again. He would be housebound, living under a constant threat and unable even to make the trip to Paris. He looked again at the few short pages he had written. They were good. they made him laugh. but he simply had no idea where to go next. Seven months later he still has no idea. At the age of 74 he has accepted the increasing likelihood that *Number One*, which London will see in Michael Frayn's adaptation at Queen's tomorrow, will be his last play. He does not seem saddened by the possibility.

"I have no particular desire to write anything more", he explains. "I would like the enjoyment of writing again. But if I did write something I would not necessarily want it performed. There's nothing left that I particularly want to say. In any case I've never been a writer with a message."

Anouilh's first professional production was *L'Hermine*, which ran for just 37 perfor-mances in Paris in the spring of 1932. Nevertheless the young man from Bordeaux was acknowledged as a significant new talent. Several productions followed, including *La Mandarine*, written when he was only 19, but it was not until the Pitoëffs' production of *Le Voyageur sans bagage* in 1937 that his early promise seemed to be fulfilled. His status shifted from precocious fringe practitioner to the mainstream inheritor of the tradition of Giraudoux and Salacrou, the contemporary masters of French theatre.

Since then he has remained a central figure in French drama, though never a static one. He has drifted in and out of fashion with regularity. When out the French critics were characteristically vituperative. dismissing him as a populist trickster with no depth when compared to the politician and philosopher playwrights of the avant-garde. When in he was accepted as the master magician whose stagecraft and wit placed him alongside Molière.

The problem has always been his own single-minded anti-intellectualism and persistent denials that his plays had any meaning or significance at all. With *Le Voyageur* he had discovered his own anti-realistic, playful form which refused to be pinned down and constantly laid him open to the charge that his work was insubstantial, lacking in any centre. He is unconcerned, indeed he clearly takes a mischievous delight in the role he had been allotted. In defiance of those who demand "relevance" of their drama, the one function he attributes to his plays is that they allow his audiences to forget for a couple of hours that they are going to die. His drama is a powerful, self-contained, self-alluding distraction.

"I've only ever written about the theatre. It's the only thing that's ever excited me. I love it because it is self-contained. In many ways it is more real than real life because real life has no order to it and theatre does. Even when there's mayhem on the stage it's still ordered and every play remains a view of life as it should be. Order enables us to see what we otherwise shouldn't see."

Anouilh's imagination is the only determinant of what we shall see. Yet once this mask slipped. It was during the German occupation of France and there was only one possible way of interpreting Anouilh's masterpiece *Antigone* – as a cry of defiance. When the curtain fell on the first performance, in February 1944, there was a deep silence and then uproar. The spectacle of Antigone's drive towards the perfection of the imagination being crushed by Créon's *realpolitik* was all too obvious in its implications for occupied France.

But even then Anouilh was not lured into a spurious commitment. The chorus at the end of the play noted: "Only the guards are left, and none of this matters to them. It's no skin off their noses. They go on playing cards."

With *Antigone* Anouilh confronted the ironic contrast between the life of the imagination and the life of the world. It has animated his work ever since. Yet in some ways he seems to regret the slightly cruel stance he adopted towards his characters in that play and feels that the persistence of this ironic mode may be a flaw in the rest of his work. Few would agree. The characteristic Anouilh obliqueness and poignancy arise precisely from the friction between the actual and the possible generated by his anti-realist and highly theatrical form of drama. His plays always imply a resolution that life never offers.

"Real life is haphazard and confused. People say the wrong things. But theatre is a kind of elevated form of life – and that is where things work. In the theatre, not in life ...."

Anouilh still suffers from the vagaries of fashion but the ebb-tide is now less vicious. His work is dissected by Ivy League academics and, hits or flops notwithstanding, he now bears the unmistakeable aura of greatness. He speaks in slow, slightly grandiose French which discourages interruption and yet seems confiding and intimate. He looks frail and unsteady but oddly carefree. His house overlooks Lake Geneva and his large sitting room is illuminated entirely by the pale sunlight reflected off the water.

When we spoke the doctor had just left and he selfconsciously had to swallow some pills with his tea: "I have to take these. I have no idea what they do." In the great tradition of French comic playwrights he finds the whole idea of a doctor somehow indescribably funny.

He is facing what he seems to accept are his last days with calm good humour. He has no particular thoughts about his condition and he dismisses a question about his religion: "That question should not really be asked." Yet throughout his conversation a dreamlike, almost mystical theme emerges in his relationship to his work. For example, there is the problem of how, given that his only subject is theatre itself, he comes up with any content at all.

"Nobody has ever asked me that before, but I am an honest man, I will try to answer. It may sound pretentious but I have a feeling when I write that it's as if there was a story which I have forgotten and I'm trying to rediscover. It's like when people tell you about a dream. It's very hard to put it together. You know it's there. It exists but you have to find it."

As if to enhance the dreamlike quality *Number One* itself produced startling evidence that life does indeed imitate art. The hero Leon – to be played in London by Leo McKern – is constantly being warned by his doctor of the dangers of his heart condition, yet Anouilh had no rational inkling of his own illness when he wrote it.

He is unamazed: "You never write what has happened, you always write what is going to happen. You're not clairvoyant, you just get a sense of things to come." But the subject makes him faintly shy and he dismisses the whole "mysterious" side of his work with a sentence: "I just fish in a big pond; sometimes I come up with a big mackerel, sometimes a little sprat."

He feels uncomfortable with such considerations because, above all, his one point is that the theatre works. Its mechanics can somehow miraculously come together. Writing a play, he says, is nothing, putting it on is the real effort. By the first night the author is powerless. So Anouilh used to spend his time wandering around the audience, laughing when things went wrong. Yet, in spite of himself, an incurable itch prompts him to ask for details of the London production, which he will never see.

He approves the change in his ending which Michael Frayn has introduced. He nods happily when he hears of McKern's status in London and he pores over the rehearsal photographs. The point is that, when he says he believes in theatre, he means it. He loves the nuts and bolts, the huge effort needed to establish the most ephemeral artifice, and he even talks in terms of one commodity artists of his age and stature are supposed to have disregarded – success.

Number One itself revolves around the subject of egoism and is rationalized by Anouilh – probably some time after the event – as being an elaboration of his insight that "everyone with more or less subtlety or elegance is an egoist". But, if this seems for a moment to be a theme which can be separated from the theatrical obsession, then we are soon dragged back to the truth. Theatre is the cure for egoism.

"The theatre involves people in a way that is inescapable. With a novel you pick it up and put it down. But with theatre it's a collective experience. You are sitting there with other people. You forget about your own problems- ... People stop being egoists, they immerse themselves. The silence that you hear in the theatre, the silence of an attentive audience that is truly gripped, is unlike any other silence you will hear, even in the depths of the forest. It's stunning. Of course the applause is very nice ... but the silence ..."

Photograph of Jean Anouilh by Martine Franck



Dance

Romeo and Juliet

Covent Garden

I suppose there may have been occasions before now when Romeo and Juliet had to be brought out before the curtain to acknowledge otherwise unstoppable applause after the first act of Kenneth MacMillan's ballet, but if so it must have been long ago. It happened on Saturday night when Alessandra Ferri danced her first Juliet, with Wayne Eagling as her Romeo.

You will get some idea of what made their playing special if I say that, instead of reaching out to each other across the width of the Covent Garden stage at the end of that act, she on her balcony and he in the garden below, Ferri seemed almost about to dive from that height back into his arms – which might have been dangerous, since Eagling looked about to clamber up the pillar to join her.

Rarely can the adjective magnetic, when applied to a person, have been nearer to a literal interpretation: Ferri pulls eyes to her as readily as she impels her partner into a precipitate rush towards her. Besides, this was the role she most coveted, and as usual she has not so much put herself into the part as absorbed the character into herself, so that every gesture seems natural and spontaneous.

Not surprisingly, given her nature and that of MacMillan's ballet, this is a very hot-blooded Juliet who, after only the briefest moment of shyness when Paris takes her hand at the Capulets' ball, is quickly stealing a look at his face and deciding with some satisfaction that he is the best-looking man in the room – until she spots Romeo a few moments later.

She was fortunate, incidentally, in both partners: Julian Hosking an exceptionally sympathetic fiancé, Eagling a lover who has the same absolutely committed passion in his movements as she does. Elgar Howarth's account of the Prokofiev score, too, seemed to have more fire in it this time, or perhaps Ferri simply managed to make us hear and see everything around her a little differently.

Of course there is more than sensuality and passion to a Juliet, and the obvious qualities of Ferri's performance are consolidated by the underlying detail: the breathtaking beauty of the curves her limbs fall into when being promenaded by a partner: the rubato she brings to her phrasing of familiar sequences, making them look unfamiliar; the daring with which, when about to fall from a turn into her partner's arms, instead of slowing she accelerates. Add a sense of horror, when trying to drink Friar Laurence's potion, such as we have not seen since Lynn Seymour danced the part, and you have a Juliet who deserved the cheers.

There were some new casts in the triple bill on Saturday afternoon, too. Ravenna Tucker and Fiona Chadwick replaced Ferri and Bryony Brind, respectively, in Jiři Kylián's *Return to the Strange Land*. Neither of them has quite the strangeness that the others bring to those roles, but both danced with understanding and clarity. In Balanchine's *Agon*, Pippa Wylde at short notice made a gravely cool replacement for Brind in the long, marvellously evolving duet.

John Percival



Magnetic partnership: Ferri and Eagling

Television

Melodramatic speculation

Jesus: The Evidence (Channel 4) arrived on cue at the Resurrection, and told the world what the world already knows – that the event echoes earlier myths of death and rebirth. One might be led to the assumption that it is somehow less significant as a result, but no doubt there are those who believe, on the contrary, that the Christian faith is stronger for having incorporated those enduring patterns which human beings wish to discover and to celebrate. Although this series has attempted to explain the "phenomenon" of Jesus and the survival of the organized church, it has done so principally by comparison with other prophets and other faiths; but, in the process, it has not really addressed itself to the unique qualities of Christianity and its putative founder.

Once again the professors were introduced with their inventive "new theories", but their characteristic failure to produce real evidence in support of them only confirmed the late President Pompidou's belief that it is unwise to rely upon "experts". These programmes have offered essentially pop scholarship, a form of intellectual muzac which muddled information with speculation, hypothesis with melodrama. The problem – and it is not one confined to this series – lies in the fact that, when you "package" serious issues for the sake of a mass audience, the rigour and consistency needed to examine them are noticeable only by their absence.

The Clive James Screen Test (LWT) confirmed the suspicion that there is now more old television on the screen than new television: like the Romans, it dies while gazing at its own entrails. This programme spotted the first appearances of the "stars": Dustin Hoffman was advertising Volkswagen cars (neither, it seems, have changed), Joan Collins was beautiful once more, and various inhabitants of *Coronation Street* demonstrated just why it was that they ended up in that series. The slightly febrile pleasure derived from the exercise was similar to that of leafing through an old photograph album, although of course we know the "stars" rather better than our own relatives. Clive James turned the pages and, as usual, the audience laughed relentlessly.

Vintage Moura (BBC1) celebrated the efforts of Moura Lympany to establish a festival in the small French village of Rasiguères where, previously, the only music came from the local café. She had come here to recuperate from illness, and the village has never recovered from the shock: now culture has descended upon it in the shape of Larry Adler and Elizabeth Harwood. In a building used to store wine (hence the programme's appalling title), and on a stage no bigger than a pocket handkerchief, eminent singers and musicians perform to apparently grateful villagers. It may not be quite the Edinburgh Festival but, unlike Edinburgh, all of the ingabitants support the occasion.

This was a pleasant documentary, despite the fact that the oleaginous commentary brought back terrible memories of the cinematic travelogue. The region was beautiful, however.

Peter Ackroyd

MacMillan in his element

Kenneth MacMillan's choreography has a natural affinity with television. His stage ballets often look best in a medium that generally detracts from other people's dances, and he also seems to enjoy creating specially for it. His treatment of the Brecht/Weill **Seven Deadly Sins** for Granada, shown last night, falls somewhere between transfer and creation, being a substantial reworking of a subject he has twice before tackled on stage.

The most obvious difference is the addition of a long prologue, to music from *The Threepenny Opera*. It serves no very logical purpose dramatically, but it allows the director, Derek Bailey, to establish the silent-movie style of the production and permits MacMillan to write in roles for Birgit Keil and Vladimir Klos, two exceptionally photogenic and expressive dancers, as a couple refused entry to Brecht's brave new world.

After that, the main asset of the show is Allesandra Ferri as the dancing half of the two-faced heroine. With Juliet at Covent Garden too, it really was her weekend. The Louise Brooks wig adds piquancy to that vividly mobile face (besides making it easier to identify Ferri with her singing alter ego, the Australian soprano Marie Angel).

I doubt that many viewers followed the ramifications of the plot, which is partly Brecht's fault. But Weill's music, neatly pointed by a strong male quartet (Robin Leggate, Robert Tear, Stephen Roberts and John Tomlinson) and the London Sinfonietta under David Atherton, eases the disparate and sometimes curious episodes on their way.

That, and the ubiquitous, innocently sexy presence of Ferri, ravishingly displayed in a series of exiguous garments by Yolanda Sonnabend, responding to every misadventure with dogged enthusiasm. I am not sure whether even she really knew what it was all about, but she made it most plausible.

John Percival

Theatre

Passion Play

Wyndham's

Even had it not collected the Best Play of the Year Award in 1981, the withdrawal of Peter Nichols's marvellous piece from the RSC repertory long before it had reached its potential audience ranks as a signal act of injustice which, at last, has been rectified by this fine Theatre of Comedy revival under the same director, Mike Ockrent.

It would be to invite Nichols's own derision to describe this study of adultery among the middle-class art community as a universal masterpiece. But for anyone who has innocently gone out for a walk with change for a clandestine phone call, or found that every deception infallibly comes home to roost, or has been branded an incurable liar, *Passion Play* tells more about the inner panic and miserable manoeuvres of extra-marital sex than any play previously seen on the English stage.

James and Elinor are a blamelessly constant married couple who have seen their grown-up children off the premises and now have the house and the rest of their lives to themselves. He restores paintings, she sings in a choir; they tell each other everything and are still happy in the same bed. Enter the fatal Kate, a husband-snatcher younger than James's daughter, who propositions him over a restaurant table and gets her tongue down his throat by the end of the meal. The sexually timid James omits to mention this amusing episode to his wife; at which point James B, his alter ego, bursts on the scene to make sure he gets his story right. With the onset of lies the character splits in two and the comedy begins.

If, that is, you can call it comedy. The play overflows with the kind of ironic echoes, hideously plausible coincidences, expertly planted discoveries that usually generate a comic impact; in this production the experience is too searing to invite more than the most nervous laughter. Once Elinor has discovered the affair and acquired her own alter ego, the shock of recognition strikes with repeated and pulverizing force; and the lines seem less the work of an original dramatist than echoes from the pitifully limited vocabulary of people who get themselves into this mess.

The casting is much harsher than in the 1981 version. Leslie Phillips's James exudes false ingratiation and besotted appetite with a humiliated timidity matched only by Barry Foster's panic-stricken strategies as his other self. The pain and violent reprisals of Judy Parfitt and Zena Walker likewise hit you dead between the eyes.

Irving Wardle

Concert

LCS/Glover

Festival Hall

At last Jane Glover has shown it is possible for a large choral society to work with a modest orchestra and make musical sense. Of course, it is possible that *Messiah* is a special case: the only great musical work of which the text has become part of our language, and whose words therefore will carry the piece through any amount of musical transmogrification. But no, to argue so would be to qualify the fine achievement on Friday of Dr Glover, her singers and the English Chamber Orchestra in giving such a lively and humane performance.

Dr Glover's work at Glyndebourne has proved her to be an outstanding trainer of choirs, and it was through discipline that the LCS here were brought to operate on a scale with an orchestra they dwarfed. The effect, though, was not all mechanical.

The lesson throughout was the very baroque one that decisive style is not a handicap to artistic expression but is its guarantor. And the ECO responded in similar terms with their licking flames for the "refiner's fire", their shimmering haloes, and their painful, detached playing for the tenor's "Thou shalt break them".

Anthony Rolfe Johnson was in magnificent clarion voice for this and his other airs. Yvonne Kenny also added distinction to the occasion, illuminating the soprano solos with a radiant trickle of silver, and making her affirmations through pure beauty of singing, without unwanted personal fervour. Linda Finnie had lost the assurance of her bottom register, but Stephen Roberts was a firm and forthright bass, splendidly decorating the repeat of "The trumpet shall sound" to make it a war-cry.

Paul Griffiths

Opera

Turandot

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

Tony Palmer has solved the riddles of *Turandot* by discovering in it the story of Puccini and his housemaid.

This is not as silly as perhaps it sounds. The connexion between Liù and the unfortunate Doria Manfredi, who killed herself under the burden of her mistress's accusations of impropriety, is inescapable. But to bring it out on stage risks the banality of converting art back into experience, the fearful limitation of proposing a single viewpoint on the work, and the reckless danger of meddling with the stagecraft of a composer who knows his business pretty thoroughly by this point in his career.

Mr Palmer, unabashed, goes ahead. Calaf-Puccini and Liù-Doria are confined all the time to a corner of the stage kitted out as the composer's drawing room, he in smoking jacket and dressing gown, she in servant's uniform. China is evoked only in the masks, wigs and costumes of the chorus, and even then evoked as a grim shadow, with charcoal grey the predominant colour. Turandot is in bridal attire, her father is a European constitutional monarch.

Ping, Pang and Pong, though, come off rather well, as down-at-heel eccentric clerks of the 1920s. They are also keenly sung by Alan Oke, Hugh Hetherington and Gordon Christie. Their long scene in the second act is for once the dramatic high point of the opera with the three of them sitting lazily on swings and providing a welcome contrast with so much portentous sombreness elsewhere.

This must, indeed, be the least spectacular *Turandot* ever seen, though Mr Palmer is not averse to adding his own jollifications when there is a gap to fill.

The jugglers who rush on for a two-minute spot in the royal procession are embarrassingly pointless, and I am sure Puccini would have given imperial China a Good Friday procession at the end of this act if he had wanted it. Presumably we are being reminded of *Tosca*, just as Liù becomes Cio-Cio-San for her demise.

The result of so much shoddy thinking is a shoddy staging. It comes, too, with the addition of echoing amplification that is a detestable vulgarity when it is used with so little finesse, and that is certainly not needed at the end, the abbreviated end, as again Mr Palmer's article on this page last week intimated.

Sir Alexander Gibson, conducting what was Scottish Opera's 2,000th performance, proves he can make the orchestra clamorous and barbaric without electronic assistance. He also compensates for the lack of colour on stage by bringing out all the score's metallic brilliance.

Ludmilla Andrew, an experienced Turandot, stepped bravely and resolutely into the breach left by Linda Esther Gray's last-minute indisposition. Marie Slorach is a strong, true and very appealing Liù, and Eduardo Alvares copes well with the problems of having to look distracted by guilt the whole time while singing with admirable freedom and clear lyrical tone.

One also feels for Willard White's sympathetic Timur, done up as the local priest.

Paul Griffiths

E. J. Craddock's Publishing column will appear tomorrow

SPECTRUM

In the Queen's long reign there can have been few stranger tributes to her than Lilibet – an account of her early years in verse by a poet laureate manqué who wishes to remain anonymous

Illustrations by Joyce MacDonald

The poem proceeds from the birth of the Princess, through the Abdication and her marriage, to the Coronation



A BABY DESTIN'D

Midnight in *Mayfair*. Hush'd are the dark bricks
In *Bruton Street* of *Number Seventeen*.
Inside. the long-case clock sedately ticks.
Outside. a car draws up. and there is seen
Home Secret'ry. *Sir William Joynson Hicks*.
Softly he enters. Little doth he ween
There ere the hall clock strikes the hour of three
A future monarch he is going to see.

Hail to the Princess who. ere break of dawn
Salutes *Sir William* with an infant squawk!
April the Twenty-First. Hail happy morn!
A loyal Empire echoes to the talk.
King George V's first grandchild has been born.
Child to the fair *Elizabeth of York*.
Sleep on. sweet babe. the sun is shining yet
Upon thy grandsire's Empire-LILIBET!

In naming thee. Bright Destiny hath shewn
What yet is hid from mortals' sceptic view:
A new *Elizabeth* for *Albion's* throne:
An *Alexandra*. type of spouse most true.
Her Empress grand-dame next the child would own:
Her third great name outshines the other two:
MARY! Celestial Queen and Mother Mild.
A worthy Patron for a Royal Child.

And now. who comes. the royal babe to greet?
The Prince of Wales. her father's elder brother.
Smiles sadly as he drives down Bruton Street:
No wife is his. The heir's born to another.
Queen Mary says, and tweaks the infant feet:
"I wish you look'd more like your little mother."
And palely. handsome. standing at her side.
The Duke of York's weak with paternal pride.

"Oh here comes the bambino!" is the cry
Of proud *Queen Mary*. when she comes to call.
"So like the dear *Prince Consort*. though the *eye*
"Is *Bertie's image* – there's no doubt at all!!!"
Here is a baby destin'd – who knows why? –
To walk at once. and never choose to crawl:
Reflecting in her stately head and neck
VICTORIA and *Princess May of Teck*.

On with my tale! though long a Bard could sit
To pen the infant darling's thousand charms.
Lord Strathmore's house in *Bruton Street* was quit
When LILIBET was still a babe in arms.
The Duke and Duchess took her. as was fit.
To see her "little mother's" house in Glamis:
The baby gurgled safe inside that house
While dukes and earls paced out to shoot the grouse.



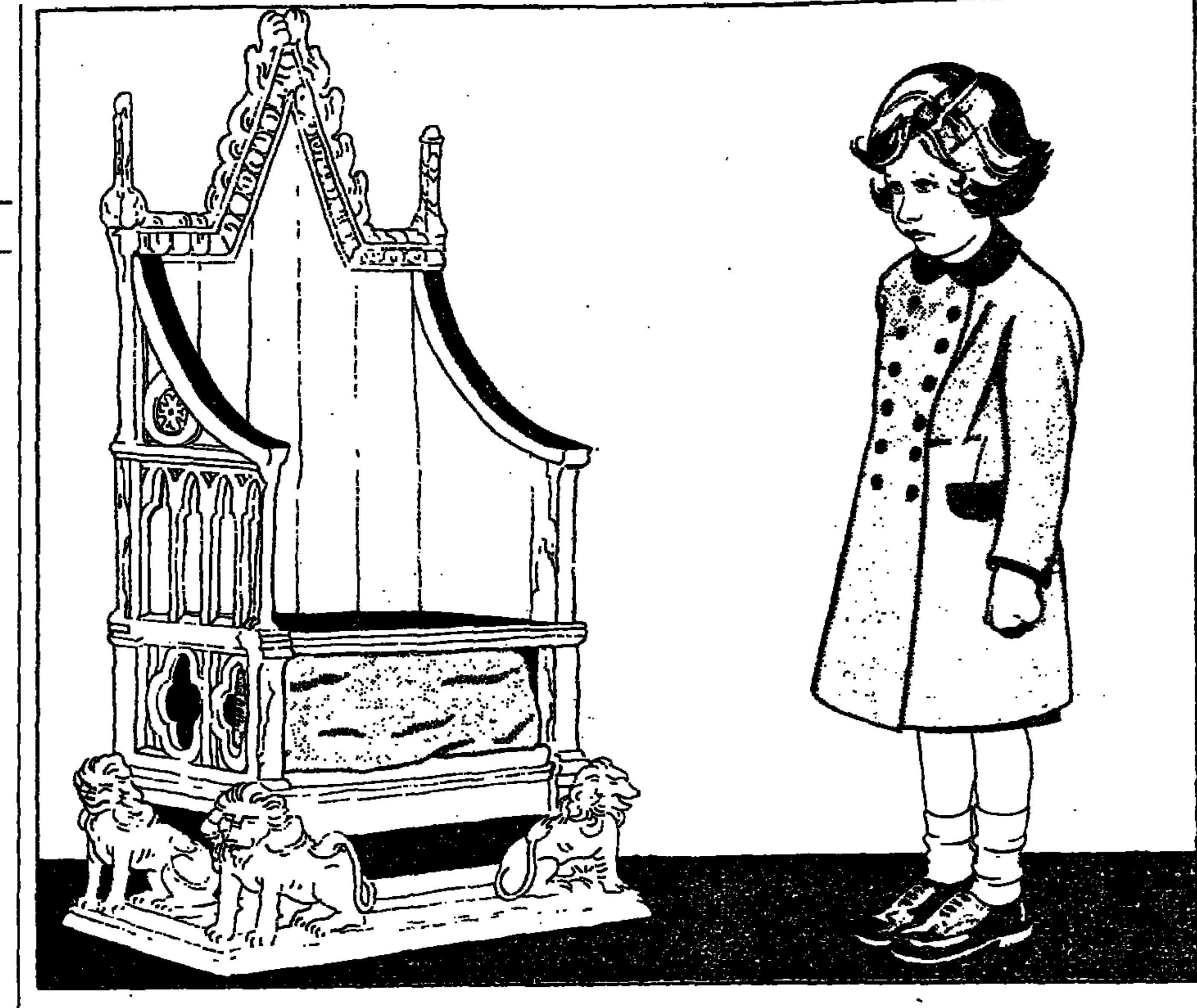
O PICCADILLY DAYS

At six years old. whenever she was able.
She groom'd her thirty horses. water'd. fed:
Fix'd and remov'd their bridles: brush'd their sable.
Comb'd ev'ry tail and patted every head.
The nurs'ry landing was their airy stable:
They ran on wheels wherever they were led.
And *Crawfie*. too. to please the little groom.
With bit and reins would canter round the room.

Sometimes. with noses press'd against the glass,
Down into *Piccadilly* they would stare:
Two rain-drench'd weary drays might sometimes pass
Or coster's pony. dazzl'd by the glare:
Or dairy horses. weighed with straps and brass
Would sadly clip-clop through the foggy air.
Then LILIBET would sigh and think with pity
Of all the hard-work'd horses in that city.

"*Crawfie*". she said. "if I am ever Queen,
I will protect the dobbin and the dray.
No working horse on Sunday will be seen.
Horses. like men. deserve a Sabbath day.
Docking a pony's tail is cruel and mean.
That will be outlaw'd. Hearken what I say".
And *Crawfie* smil'd to hear the lisping word:
The Goddess FORTUNE also smil'd – and heard.

O *Piccadilly* days. why need they end?
The walks with *Crawfie* in *St James's Park*:
Sometimes an eye would turn. a head would bend.
But oftentimes each outing. game or lark



Would pass unnoticed; LILIBET could spend
Her shilling's pocket-money without mark
From shopkeeper. or children in the street.
The thousands she could never hope to meet.

Plain *London Transport* was a cherish'd toy:
A 'bus ride–top floor–was the merriest lark.
"Tott'nham Court Road. A single". Oh. what joy
To say those brave words to a booking clerk.
And whizz. like any other girl or boy
From place to place by railway in the dark.
Dear transitory joys. too soon curtail'd
When cameramen the young Princesses trail'd.

More than to most. the growing *Princess* hooks
Her heart to *Uncle David. Prince of Wales*.
His sense of fun; his wonderful good looks.
His jokes. his clothes. his funny trav'llers-tales.
Yet. as he reads aloud her fav'rite books:
Black Beauty, A. A. Milne–his laughter fails:
A soldier's life is terrible hard. says Alice.
More than the Guard is changing at the Palace.



FREEDOM, FAREWELL

In *Windsor*, at *The Royal Lodge*, the word
Arriv'd by telegram one winter day.
Alone with her toy horses when she heard,
LILIBET paus'd: "Oh. *Crawfie. should* we play?"
She sens'd a mighty passing had occur'd:
With dignity. she put her toys away.
Marg'ret play'd noughts and crosses in the hall.
The wireless crackl'd the Dead March from *Saul*.

Nothing is restful since *King George* has died.
The servants whisper. *Mummie* looks so sad.
Marg'ret heard *Grannie* talk of "*England's* pride"
And said she heard their father murmur "cad".
Who did it mean, when *Mummie* then replied:
"Not marry her? He must be going mad"?
Crawfie had blush'd when ask'd. and sort of frown'd.
Oh, *when* is *Uncle David* to be crown'd?

One Sunday at *Roy'l Lodge*, uneasy fear
Began to turn to sickening alarm.
A car came over from *Fort Belvedere:*
Out stepped a woman, holding *Uncle's* arm.
But still to LILIBET 'twas far from clear
Why *Mummie*, who was usually so calm,
Sent the Princesses to the garden's end.
Lest they should talk to *Uncle David's* friend.

Later. the stricken mother would endeavour
To break the news to her bewilder'd child.
"Your *Uncle David*. usually so clever,
'Has been by an *American* beguil'd".
"He must away". "Oh. *Mummie* – not forever!"
Bravely. and through her 'flu. the *Duchess* smil'd.
And while the *Duchess* with her daughter frets.
Downstairs. the air is thick with cigarettes.

The two Princesses hug their poor *Papa*.
Accoutred as an Admiral of the Fleet.
The ashtray smoulders. Out towards the car.
They hear him pacing with uneasy feet.
The morning lingers. Has some evil star
Blighted their lives? They feel too sad to eat.
Luncheon: The door has opened with a fling.
LILIBET curtsies to her Lord and King.

Farewell their happy life at 145!
Farewell the schoolroom and the coloured chalk.
The times when "*Grandpa England*" was alive,
And when her father was the *Duke of York*.
Freedom. farewell. No more will she arrive
By 'bus from *Tott'nham* at *St James's Walk*.
Around the Palace stretch those yards of rail.
She shudders. as though entering a gaol.



ALL BOYS SAVE ONE

IN those last months of Peace. a meeting chanc'd
Which chang'd the Nation's future Destiny.
The Fates conspir'd: not blindly *Cupid* danc'd.
Victoria and *Albert* cruis'd the sea.
The August sunshine. and fresh wind enhanc'd
The visit of the Royal Family
To *Dartmouth Naval College*. to perfection
Drill'd for an expert sailor-King's inspection.

But. as they climb'd the steps. the message came:
"Two boys have mumps. The doctors all advise
"The young Princess should not catch the same."
Mummie agreed such caution did seem wise.
Margaret scowl'd. Her sister show'd her shame
At being thought a child. with angry eyes.
But *Crawfie* took th'indignant "little ones"
To tea with the *Dalrymple-Hamiltons*.

A clockwork railway on a nurs'ry floor.
Where knelt a handsome boy of eighteen years.
If they had fear'd today would be a bore.
Forgot at once are the *Princesses'* fears.
He stood up when he saw them at the door:
LILIBET felt her eyes had fill'd with tears.
She wish'd she did not have this silly hat on.
"We've never met. My name's *Philip Mountbatten*".

At first their greeting was a little staid
But *Philip* soon began his easy quips.
Over the ginger nuts and lemonade.
He told them all they'd need to know of ships.
Then he ask'd LILIBET if she had play'd
Tennis in *his* way. Out she gaily skips
To watch. then join him in exubr'ant sports.
He leaps the nets and runs about the courts.

"O. *Crawfie*, he can jump so very high!"
LILIBET says before she goes to bed.
Next day, O worthy of a royal sigh,
Another vision of that proud blonde head.
Next day. he came to lunch. and why O why
Did she not write down all he did and said?
For. deep inside her soul. she feels a peace
And sighs with longing for *The Prince of Greece*.

On thy dear banks. illustrious *River Dart*,
At thirteen years. fair LILIBET began
To know with certainty within her heart
That she could only truly love one man.
How sad she feels. next day when they must part.
Can one so young be sure? *This* Princess can.
"How red she is. I wonder is she's hot",
The Queen remarks, back on the *Royal Yacht*.

From *Dartmouth* then the *Royal Yacht* sail'd forth,
But not alone. for following in their track.
A host of small boats risk'd a sov'reign's wrath
By bobbing close in many a daring tack.
The King said crossly to *Sir Dudley North*,
"It is absurd – unsafe – they must go back".
A sharp retort was sent in semaphore.
And soon the boys were rowing back to shore.

All boys save one: his heart was tied by th' strings
To the majestic rudder on the main.
No ordinance. no order of the *King's*
Could stop him glimpsing LILIBET again.

"Young fool!" *George* stammered. "Boys who do such things . . . ."
The sentence died in fury and in pain.
But. with binoculars around her neck,
LILIBET gaz'd, till *Philip* was a speck.

A FUTURE QUEEN

Only twelve years before. The Abdication
Threaten'd the future of the *Monarchy*.
But now is born another generation,
Bringing a sense of strong security
To *Crown*. to *Commonwealth* and to the *Nation*.
The baby shows forth. uneqivoc'lly.
However black its former faults or sins are,
There is a future for the *House of Windsor*.

The adulation and the public joy
Make of this peaceful birth a grand event.
For LILIBET. the handsome little boy
Has brought into her heart a deep content.
Which even *the King's* illness can't destroy.
And happy. private hours with *Charles* are spent.
Margaret loves him too. although she can't
Enjoy the appellation. *Charley's Aunt*.

Turn back the albums and the picture-books:
The Trooping of the Colour '51.
How ev'ry inch a future Queen she looks.
Upright on *Winston*. clopping one by one
Past guardsmen. She no kind of slackness brooks:
As though she saw each medal. sword and gun;
As though *King George the Fifth's* exacting eye
Fell on the soldiers as that girl rode by.

Tir'd by disease. and war, and deprivation,
The world receives her as a novelty.
A perfect image for a jaded nation
Who seeks again its vanish'd sense of duty:
A *Princess* whose unflinching dedication
Shines forth in fresh-complexion'd child-like beauty.
So. as *The King* declines into the grave.
They look to LILIBET to guide and save.

A simple truth upon the world has burst,
That sees her in *The Mall* upon her cob:
So pos'd. so strong. so perfectly rehears'd.
She rides in state before the awe-struck mob:
That never. since *Elizabeth the First*
Was born a monarch so good at her job.
This ride of dignity makes clear to all
ELIZABETH will be professional.

THE KING IS DEAD

King George the Sixth was coughing badly–very.
Doctors suggested *Durban* for the sun.
He'd take young *Peter Townsend*, that equerry
Whom *Margaret* found such terrific fun.
Christmas in *London* wasn't all that merry.
It lack'd the gusto of a *Norfolk* one.
Sandringham: every *Christmas* in the past
Was spent there by *King George*, except his last.

LILIBET felt unease. It was horrific
To know that one day soon. *The King* would die.
He took them. their last week, to *South Pacific*.
And "Some Enchanted Ev'ning" made them cry.
But. next day. at the airport. no specific
Meaning seem'd fix'd to his subdu'd goodbye.
The 'plane was there. LILIBET clamber'd on.
He wav'd his last weak wave. and she was gone.

At *Sandringham*. the *King* is shooting hare.
The beaters follow. anxious not to lag.
Beneath a large blue sky. he breathes crisp air;
Nor do his energies appear to flag.
The company was good. the sport was fair:
Two hundred hares and eighty were the bag.
How cold and stiff the rows of corpses are;
He shivers as he strolls back to the car.

Dinner as usual: and his weary face
Beneath the glare of the electric light
Is animated as. soon after grace.
He tells of how he got a left and right.
Then tiring. he sinks back into his place
And acquiesces in an early night.
One final cigarette. "Goodnight". he said,
And went to drink his chocolate in bed.

Goodnight. sweet Prince! The earth rolls on to dawn.
While from your shoulders. slumber lifts the load
Which you. with hardship. have so bravely borne.
Go out into the dark upon that road,
O CHRISTIAN soul! which leads to *God's* bright morn.
The earthly sun is gone. but by and by
Will rise and blazen in the *Kenya* sky.

It glistens now on the *Saguna* Water.
And penetrates the woods of *Aberdare*.
Where stirs the dying *King's* beloved daughter
To taste the freshness of the morning air.
And all the *King* had. by example, taught her
Is needed by that waking Princess there.
Where is thy bitterness and sting. O DEATH?
Arise. unheeding. QUEEN ELIZABETH!

Treetops Hotel, and from a balcony,
Binoculars train'd on the water-buck.
She talks to friends of fishing: playfully
Boasting of catch that day. "Beginner's luck".
No one replies. *Philip* approaches. He
Seems oddly silent. He's not often stuck
For words. His face is drawn with silent gloom.
He takes her arm. and leads her to her room.

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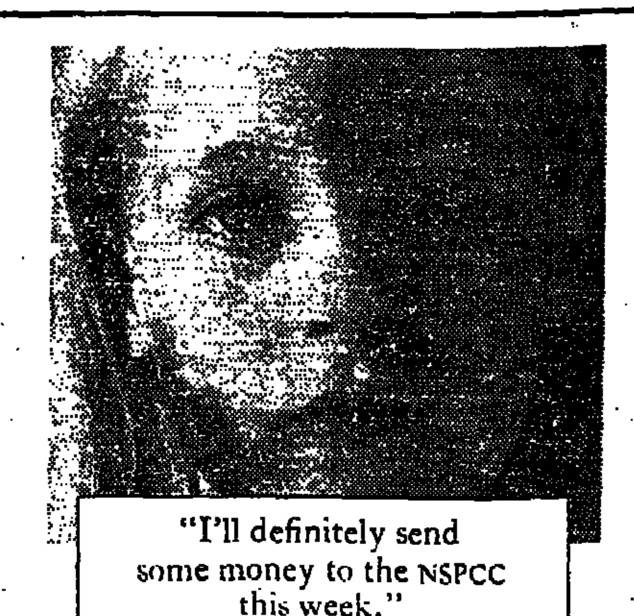
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MONDAY PAGE

Out of the running?



The arrival in Britain of Zola Budd (left) may have dashed the Olympic aims of seven girls. Neil Lyndon reports on two of the hopefuls

In an age of innocence, all arrangements for Olympic selection were serenely straightforward. The lady runners of Britain knew precisely where they stood and where they were going. A balance of competing interests had evolved over many years so refined and universally understood, that it would have delighted Metternich.

Everybody knew that Wendy Sly would be selected to run for Britain in the 3.000 metres race in the Los Angeles Olympics in August. She is the British record holder with a time of 8 mins 37.06 secs (the world's record is 8 mins 26.78 secs). So she accounted for one of the three places on the British team for that event. Jane Furniss was expected to take the second place since she has recently been placed seventh in the world with a time of 8 mins 45.69 secs.

That left one place on the team and seven young women, all of whom have run within the Olympic qualifying time of 9 mins 5 secs, competing for it. They expected to settle the dispute at the British Olympic trial in June. Ruth Smeeth, Christine Benning, Kathryn Carter, Debbie Peel, Christina Boxer, Gillian Green and Paula Fudge were all like emerging Balkan states encircling the powers of Sly and Furniss. They knew where they were: they were all in with a chance of going to Los Angeles.

Then came Zola Budd. Running in South Africa, this 17-year-old has recorded a time of 8 mins 37.50 secs. If she can reproduce that form in Britain, having been transplanted by the *Daily Mail* at a cost of about £200,000, and if she can satisfy the governing bodies of athletes that she is qualified by birth and residence to be selected, then Miss Budd is most likely to take the second of the three places on the British team. If Jane Furniss takes the third place, the seven remaining girls will all find that their training has been futile.

"What kind of sense does it make to spend £200,000 on trying to buy Britain one gold medal when the same amount of money spread evenly among 10 athletes might produce five medals", asked an observer of women's middle-distance running. "This is one of the most neglected of all fields of athletics. The spending of £200,000 causes a massive distortion."

According to one of the women in competition with Miss Budd, women middle-distance runners do not usually reach their peak until their mid-to-late twenties. Since interest and commercial sponsorship is normally concentrated upon the young and promising, middle distance runners attract neither interest nor loot. Miss Budd, therefore, is like an alien from another planet.

DEBBIE PEEL

'Her chances are not the same'



Subsidies enable Debbie Peel to concentrate full-time on her build-up to the Olympics, helped by her husband David. But she would not have given up her job if Zola Budd was in contention six months ago.

Zola Budd has made a difference to Debbie and David Peel. They are not complaining – thay are not the complaining kind – but the truth is that their domestic arrangements would now be much more prosperous and less exacting if Zola Budd's arrival in Britain could have been foretold six months ago.

David said: "At the end of last season, we looked at the future as carefully as we could and it seemed to us then that Debbie had a 50/50 chance of getting selected for the Olympics.

"We thought that we should put everything we could into improving her chances: so Debbie gave up work for six months to concentrate on her training. We can manage without her income for that short time; but only just. It really is pretty tight. I'm not sure that we would have made the same decision if we'd known that Zola was going to come into the picture because, obviously, Debbie's chances now are not the same as they were."

The mighty river of athletics sponsorship narrows to a tiny tributary trickling into the close of small modern houses near Gatwick Airport where Debbie and David live. Unigate gives them two free pints of milk a day. "Bless them", said Debbie. "It doesn't sound much, but it's a real boon." And she is given track shoes and training kit by sports equipment company Nike. "Again, I don't know how we'd manage without them."

These two small subsidies, worth about £500 together, are the sum total of aid that Debbie receives in her efforts to gain a place in the British team to run in the women's 3000 metres race in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles this summer.

She could be a real contender. She has been the women's AAA champion and her personal best time of 8 mins 50.52 secs is comfortably within the Olympic qualifying time. Her performances have improved dramatically over the last five years, since she first broke 11 minutes. "I was a bit of a scrubber, really. I was always last, always. So it doesn't frighten me to come from behind in a race. That might be an advantage this year."

Her husband David, who works for the electricity board, is not only her principal sponsor since she took unpaid leave from her job as a data control clerk: he is also her coach. They have been running together for 10 years, since they met at Haywards Heath when Debbie was 15 and David 21. He supervises the second and most strenuous of her two daily training sessions.

She runs five or six miles alone in the morning "mainly to ease off the exertions of the previous evening's session". When David comes home from work they go out together with a group of men and run another six miles. "The men make no concessions: that's good for me." Or they go to the track and run "repetitions", a gruelling succession of eight sprints over 200 or 400 metres.

They know how the competition should be settled for the three British places in the 3000 metres race: "The first three women over the line at the trials race, regardless of who they are, should go to Los Angeles", David said.

Debbie hopes, above all, that some official will make it his business to tell the selected and rejected runners their fate quickly and in person. "There's nothing worse than waiting by the telephone and then hearing the news from a neighbour who's seen it on the television or read it in a paper. That happens."

RUTH SMEETH

'I've got to beat my fastest rival'



Ruth Smeeth has stood on the track at Los Angeles and thought: "I could be running here in the Olympics".

It is Ruth Smeeth's settled intention to be first over the line in the Olympics trials. "I just tell myself that I've got to beat my fastest rivals. At the moment, that's Wendy Sly. So if I can beat her – if she is the fastest – I won't have to worry about anybody else."

Zola Budd is a spectral presence in Ruth Smeeth's conversation, but she does not enter by name. Neither does Miss Budd's materialization in the lists of her rivals appear to have unsettled Ruth's emotional equanimity or the clarity of her plans. "I know that I've got to knock 10 seconds off my personal-best time to feel really confident of going to Los Angeles; and I'm going to need to lose six pounds in weight. Of the two, the six pounds is the more difficult."

As athletes go, she is an abnormally self-possessed, independent-minded character, qualities which declare themselves in her clothes and in her arrangements for work. The leather trousers, the art-deco patterned pullover and the nifty haircut all tell of an awareness of self and of the outer world which is not commonly shared by athletes.

She works as a freelance technical illustrator on a "flexitime" contract for a company in Alton, Hampshire; and she also teaches part-time at a local technical college. "I work when I need to or when I want to. The advantage is that I don't *have* to get up at 6.30 to go training. And if it's raining I can perhaps wait until it stops. I hate getting my feet wet."

Ruth's training routines are identical to Debbie Peel's. However, she likes to achieve in her training a kind of evacuation of consciousness. "Sometimes I get in after running six miles and think 'God, I can't remember anything about it'. I think training's best when it's like that: unconscious."

She lost the mental engine which had powered her running when her father died and it has taken her some 18 months to find her place again. "He was really the centre of my life and he was an enormous help to me, mentally, in my races. But I'm not running and trying to win for him any longer. I won the women's national cross-country for him, but that's over now. I'm running for me now."

She has been to Los Angeles and stood on the track there and thought "I could be running here in the Olympics". But she has not allowed her mind to dwell upon thoughts of Los Angeles: or upon thoughts of failing to be selected. "I'm just concentrating on the British championships in May and the Olympic trials. I haven't thought any further than those races and gearing myself up to beat everybody in them."

PENNY PERRICK

Babies should sprout, Brussels says



The people who brought you the wine lake and the butter mountain are now all set to provide you with their latest extravagance – a baby boom. At the request of Euro MPs, the EEC may now adopt "practical measures" to bump up the European birthrate, which is somewhat in decline. In 1950, it was 8.8 per cent of the world figure; by 2025, unless the EEC has its way with women, it will be a mere 2.3 per cent.

Yet, although the Commission has a dazzling record at whipping up a surfeit, I doubt that it will be able to coax more babies into the world. Tougher regimes have tried and failed, such as the Romanian government which, in spite of penalizing women who have abortions and taxing the unproductive, it has not produced higher numbers of little Romanians. Gentler rulers have tried and failed, too. French women have been variously cajoled with free layettes, increased family allowances and citations from the mayor if they shut their eyes and think of La France, but still the birthrate has slumped.

The average European couple seems to have settled for 1.4 children, and it isn't hard to see why. People, reasonably enough, tend to want the most desirable life that's within their grasp, and bringing up a large family, these days, certainly doesn't offer that.

Female fulfilment seems no longer to be a matter of having babies, whereas female poverty seems very closely linked with motherhood. While most people have been enjoying rising living standards, those with young children have, over the last 13 years, faced a decline. The well-off family today may consist of a man whose wage is only average but whose childless wife works full-time. The poor family may be a man earning exactly the same salary but whose wife cannot work, or can only work part-time, because of the demands of child-raising.

If the EEC is genuinely concerned about a baby shortage, it should take steps to see that women are either recompensed for loss of earnings or that childcare facilities are such as to enable a family with children to be a family living off the fruit of two incomes.

More money would certainly make motherhood a nicer prospect, and so would more help. A recent EEC committee, chaired by Signora Cinciari Rodano, an Italian communist, noted "an increasing return to a division of family and social tasks", while, earlier this year, a Gallup poll in Britain showed that few men were much help around the house. Whether their wives worked or not, and whether they had children or not, all that most husbands were good for was serving drinks (44 per cent) and mowing the lawn (45 per cent).

If the Commission could arrange things so that men did their share of scraping the Farex off the high chair and reading *The Billygoats Gruff* six times in one evening, it could be on to something. For as long as young women can see, just by looking around them, that to have children is at present a solitary and thankless task, they can hardly be blamed for making other plans.

That doing one's bit to increase the European population is, for many women, both economically undesirable and emotionally unrewarding is a minor consideration. People are increasingly choosing not to have *any* children because they are frightened to bring them into a threatening and unsafe world. This is reflected in the *Which? Guide to Birth Control*, which discovered that sterilization is being chosen by increasingly younger couples. If the Commission wants more Europeans, its most urgent task should be to guarantee that there will always be a Europe for these babies

● **"This year's beauty is as pale as a primrose, as cool as summer sunlight filtering through green leaves." If this report is true, this year's beauty is in for a tough time. People will forever be asking her whether she's feeling all right and wouldn't she like to have a little lie-down? I know all this because my own complexion is a pale as cotton wool, which gives the world the impression that I should be wrapped in it.**

I was such a sickly-looking child that my mother, worried that she might be accused of neglect, used to smear a little rouge on my cheeks before taking me to birthday parties. Even now, every time I pass a mirror, I absent-mindedly pinch my cheeks to put more colour in them. In spite of my ghost-white face, I rarely need a doctor. The only prescription necessary for instant and radiant health is a stick of blusher.

TALKBACK

Budget for the rich

From Oonagh McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock and opposition spokesman for Treasury and Civil Service matters.

I looked forward with interest to Sarah Hogg's analysis of the row between the Chancellor and the poverty lobby about the effect of the Budget on poor families ("Trapped On All Sides", Friday Page, April 6). My hopes were doomed to disappointment. Her whole argument assumes that the Chancellor and the poverty lobby have the same – aim to alleviate poverty – and their only disagreement is about the methods. Anyone who believes that is living in cloud-cuckoo-land.

Make no mistake, the Budget is in line with all the others since 1979. It is part of the process of systematically redistributing the tax burden from the rich to the poor. Not only have the poor got poorer during the last four years, but their numbers have increased from 4.4 million in 1979 to over 7.5 million in 1984.

What the Chancellor claimed for his budget is quite different. The income tax bill has been cut by £2.08 a week for a married couple, and £1.27 for a single person; 850,000 people have been taken out of tax – some effort to help the poor. Half a million of those people would have been taken out of tax if the Chancellor had merely indexed tax thresholds. As it is, high wage-earners benefit far more than low-paid workers from the Chancellor's action. A person earning £25,000 a year will get £5.76 a week extra, if single, and £6.00 extra, if married. But the Chancellor made matters even worse by cutting income tax for 750,000 higher-rate tax-payers as well, at a cost of £140m in a full year. A small sum, perhaps, but it is all part of the same mistaken strategy – this Government determinedly goes on slashing welfare benefits or social services to save amounts like that.

Since 1979, the amount of tax and national insurance contributions paid by those earning average or below average (male) earnings, currently £168 a week, has increased both as a proportion of their income and in real terms. For example, a married couple with two children or two times average income had had a 7 per cent increase in their tax bill. By contrast, the same size family earning 10 times the average have had their tax bill cut by 23 per cent – that is almost a quarter – since 1979. Budgets since then have been a bonanza for the better-off. This is no different from the rest.



PARIS DIARY

Frank Johnson

Paris rouge

Concerning the French Communists, a few observations not solely about the eternal subject of whether they will leave the government. In the north of Paris the party sits in its headquarters guiding the future of its legendary French working class and, more significantly, from the *point of view of people invited* there for lunch, guiding the future of its even more legendary wine cellar.

The party has its own vineyards. Bottles bearing its imprint are prized as souvenirs by lunch guests. The headquarters is a concrete edifice *protected by electronic* surveillance. Officially, this is to protect the central committee from France's omnipresent facists. A more plausible reason is to protect the even more central wine cellar from France's omnipresent boozers.

Last week *L'Humanité*, the party's daily newspaper, published a supplement on the paper's 80th anniversary reproducing past news items. Selection required tact. There were, *for example*, the headlines from a clandestine issue of August 1944, as the Americans and de Gaulle's Free French closed in on the city: "All Paris to the barricades.... Not a Boche must leave alive from insurgent Paris."

But there was a period when L'Humanité did not advise its readers to kill the Boche – indeed, was positively against the practice. Banned by the French government during the period of the Nazi-Soviet pact because of its opposition to the war, it asked the victorious Germans in 1940 for permission to republish.

Last week's supplement contained a rare official reference to this fabled episode: "June 26, 1940. Debacle. Exodus. The Communist Party is not saved from the general disorga*nization. Its militants are dispersed.* In Paris there are no longer French authorities. The occupants have not yet installed their apparatus of oppression. It is in this context that a request is made in the capital for *L'Humanité* to reappear legally. *That demarche was an error. It was* firmly disavowed by the leadership of the party."

Disavowed when? The supplement left that unclear; understandably since, one suspects, any disavowal dates from rather later.

Would it really alter the history of France, then, if this extremely implausible party left the government? It might alter the history of M Mitterrand. *L'Humanité* has been writing and rewriting his history for nearly 40 years to coincide with Communist policy. Sometimes he is a villain, sometimes someone with whom it can do business, sometimes (as now) both. Extremely unenergetic research by myself reveals, *for* example, *L'Humanité's* short biography of October 14, 1948: "François Mitterrand, Secretary of State in Charge of Information. He is principally in charge of the diffusion of the broadcasting of lies. *This junior* minister was one of the first Vichyistes of France."

The item goes on to mention M Mitterrand's Vichy medal, which is another subject of perennial French heckling; it was accepted, M Mitterrand says, only on the instructions of the resistance for which he was working undercover. "M Mitterrand is *not a perjurer*", added *L'Humanité* of 1948. "Faithful to his belief, he is still in the Vichyiste tradition."

This was not in the anniversary supplement. Though, if that wretched Communist departure *from the* present government ever does actually happen, it could be in the next.

The ancienne cuisine under pressure

Spring is an appropriate moment to mention what, according to what I have learned, from a chef, is a new problem about Americans in Paris. Deeply rooted in their homeland now is the anti-cholesterol terror, the fitness *ethic, healthy eating* and the general, clearly blasphemous desire to live for ever. So in Paris, they are no longer serious eaters. The situation will be made worse if *they get to know about* Professor Jean-Luc de Jennes, a "world authority" on heart disease, *who has* announced that cholesterol is the leading cause of that malady.

He lists, as being "très riches" in cholesterol, mutton, fresh cream, kidneys, *crevettes (oddly)*, oysters, and as "more or less rich", sardines in oil, gruyere cheese, brie, saucisson and jambon – which rules out most traditional French cuisine. But there is consolation for those of us who intend to carry on eating French. Items low *in cholesterol include, for* some odd reason, two of the most typical of the nation's comestibles, mussels and croissants (astoundingly). Americans are expected to take to eating them together.

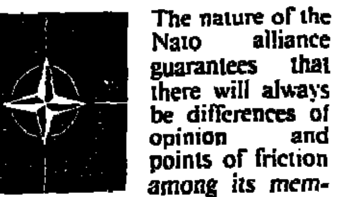
BARRY FANTONI



'Terrible, I asked for a hot dog and all I got was a sausage'

Basics we must not forget

Sidney Hook, continuing our series on Nato's 35th anniversary, explains the true nature of the threat to a Europe seen increasingly in the US as unwilling to defend its own freedom



The nature of the Nato alliance guarantees that there will always be differences of opinion and points of friction *among its members*. Were this not so we would *have no alliance but* a *hegemonic* structure in which one dominant *power controls* its satellites. This is the system among the nations of the Warsaw Pact. When differences and frictions emerge among the members of Nato there must be a realization of the underlying rationale of their alliance if their association is to endure and be effective. In its absence the genuine *burdens and hardships* that result from specific decisions tend to erode the bonds of unity.

Nato exists to defend the open, pluralistic societies of the West against the military encroachments of communism. I choose the phrase "*pluralistic society*" because it encompasses the substantial differences that exist in the internal structures of the Nato nations. A pluralistic society is one that recognizes the legitimacy of different centres of power, not only political but social and cultural. Above all, it respects the relative autonomy of the private sphere of human experience, and therefore denies and rejects the omnipotence of the state.

Although most pluralistic societies in Western Europe accept political democracy or some form of popular sovereignty, this has not always been true. However, the very fact of their plural structure (the existence of islands of culture, *religion, economic behaviour and* other non-political forms of association) has facilitated the transformation of political dictatorship into viable democracies. Spain, Portugal and Greece are cases in point. On the other hand, there is no instance *of a communist society reverting* peacefully or transforming itself into a democracy. Were the attempt seriously to be made, the Kremlin, under the Brezhnev doctrine, openly threatens to prevent it.

What is at stake, then, in the *conflict between Western Europe, of* which North America is an extension, and the Soviet world is not a clash of doctrines but ways of life. The evidence is incontestable that the communist way of life has never been chosen by any people living under a communist regime. *Just as* manifest is the fact that no communist regime would dare risk today permitting its subjects a free choice between the existing system and a genuine alternative.

Although sympathetic to the plight of the unfortunate human beings living in the shadow of the *Gulag Archipelago. Nato harbours* no aggressive designs against the communist world. It is purely defensive. Despite it rhetoric the Kremlin knows that. If it had any doubts, the behaviour of Nato during the communist butcheries in East Germany, *Hungary and Czechoslovakia* should have allayed *them*.

The *same* cannot be said about the Soviet Union. Although the very existence of the open pluralistic societies of the West constitutes a source of potential dissatisfaction among the Soviet people, afflicted by their economies of scarcity and regimes of terror, the Soviet Union is in a state of permanent military *mobilization. A comparison of the* maps of the world in 1945 and 1984 reveals a striking increase in the global power of the communist world. In almost every area it is armed far beyond its defensive needs. Only Nato's nuclear deterrent *has preserved the peace in Western* Europe.

More alarming than the Soviet arsenal of weapons in recent years has been the erosion in the awareness of many groups in the West, especially the young, of the *values that divide the monistic* totalitarian culture of the communist world from the pluralistic culture of their own countries. The fear of a nuclear holocaust has demoralized large sections of the young into the belief that the *differences between the communist* and the open societies of the West are relatively unimportant, and that whatever differences exist, nothing is worse than the continued threat of a nuclear war, not even the universal domination of communist tyranny. That is the basic premise of unilateralism, and accounts for the growth of neutralism and anti-Americanism.

Such an attitude reflects a profound failure to understand the nature of the Kremlin's strategy and *its mode of thought. What may* be just as fateful is the failure to gauge the influence of such European sentiment on American political behaviour.

What the European peace movements, including the dominant *faction* of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, do not understand is that barring an invasion of its space, the Soviet Union will not initiate a war against Western Europe unless it is sure to win it. So long as the Western nuclear *deterrent is in* place the Kremlin can never be sure.

There are many reasons for this conclusion. First, the communists worship at the altar of history. No value is more imperative to them than survival. It makes no sense for them to go down in defeat on behalf of a cause. Second, they are hard-*headed* realists. *Even Hitler, who* was a madman, did not resort to the use of poison gas during the Second World War because he knew what the consequences would be.

The members of the Politburo, who alone make the decisions in the *Soviet Union, are shrewd and* tough. There is something comical about the view, sedulously calculated by *some "experts" on communism*, that their feelings were hurt by President Reagan's reference to the Soviet Union as an evil empire. The Soviet leaders have themselves exhausted the vocabulary of the vilest expletives in characterizing the capitalist powers, especially the United States.

Third, why should the communist leaders risk world war for, at best, a *Pyrrhic* victory, when they believe that they are winning the world piecemeal without war? The "correlation of world forces", they boast, has turned in their favour, and a good case can be made for that view. Fourth, they still believe that the West is beset by "internal contradictions" which sooner or later will result in widespread economic distress, a loss of confidence and nerve in Western ruling circles, and the weakening of their will and capacity for external adventure.



The growth of pacifism in the West, which the Russians encourage by material aid and intensified campaigns about the horrors of nuclear war, they regard, as Lenin did before them, as an expression of Western decadence. Genuine pacifists in the Soviet Union are sent to concentration camps or asylums for the insane.

If the nuclear deterrent is *removed, or if the citizens of the* United States conclude that it is not possible to defend the freedom of peoples unwilling to defend their own freedom, there will still be no war. *All* that will be required is for the Soviet Union to make a threat of war *to precipitate a rush* to capitulation. With no fear of nuclear retaliation from the United States, Europe will not just be Finlandized: it will be Sovietized.

It is not only European peace activists and unilateralists who are unaware of the effects of their propaganda on American public opinion. Some of the chancelleries of Western Europe seem to be oblivious to the growing manifestations of neo-isolationism in America. The relative unconcern of the European Nato nations with developments in the Gulf, on whose *oil their economies depend, and* their indifference, if not outright hostility, to American interests in Central America, have fuelled among conservative voters latent isolationist tendencies to withdraw to an antiquated conception of "Fortress America".

Among liberal American voters there is resentment against the costs of military involvement in world affairs and the consequent restriction of social services. More and more questions are being asked not only about the advisability of *stationing token forces in Lebanon* but about the wisdom of keeping *American troops in a Europe* unwilling to defend itself, which vents its frustrations at its own helplessness by a rabid anti-Americanism. On the agenda of discussion groups, and among the articles of the popular press are questions no one would have raised seriously even 10 years ago: "Should the United States defend Europe"?, "Nato and the fire next time".

Some historical events are irreversible. If American troops are ever withdrawn from Europe, they will not return.

Responsibility for the current state of affairs must not be laid at the doors of Europe alone. Some *American administrations, misled* by their advisers on Soviet affairs, *have* discounted the influence of communism on Soviet foreign policy as so much theology, and interpreted Russian behaviour as merely the pursuit of nation-state interest *in the Tsarist tradition.* Tsarist Russia, however, never had a global strategy that extended to intervention in African and Central European affairs. To be sure, it would be absurd to explain Soviet thought and behaviour in terms of *ideology alone. Not even wars of* religion were purely ideological. However to dismiss any significant influence of Marxism-Leninism on Soviet thought and behaviour is just as absurd. Incredible as it may appear there is some reason to believe that this ideology is not always understood.

In the final analysis, the destiny of Western Europe rests on the public opinion of its own peoples. There is a risk and burden in defending the imperfect freedoms they now enjoy. *Once lost they will appear* all the more precious, but they will not be recovered. The willingness to defend these freedoms may make it unnecessary to fight for them. In time this willingness to accept the risks of the defence of freedom may inspire the suffering masses *in* communist countries to exercise the pressures that may moderate the political terror under which they live.

Sir Winston Churchill was right when he characterized the Second World War as needless. *There will* be no Third World War so long as the West is prepared to avoid the errors and illusions that brought on the Second. The US will never desert its Nato allies if they remain faithful to the common cause which brought it into being. European freedom cannot survive without *American support. The converse is* not as certain.

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Michael Hornsby on Pretoria's latest exploitation of dissidence abroad



Chief Jonathan: Pretoria helped him to power but now wants him out. Left, a typical scene in a country where women till a hostile soil and the men leave to work in the South African gold mines

Why Lesotho is Botha's new dirty tricks target

Johannesburg

As the enforced tranquillity of Pax Pretoriana settles on the Southern African sub-continent, the sharpest thorn in South Africa's side is not a Marxist revolutionary firebrand in Maputo or Luanda, but the portly and *conservative figure of Chief* Leabua Jonathan, the prime minister of Lesotho, the former British protectorate of Basutoland.

It is one of the more notable *ironies in which the history of Africa* abounds that tiny Lesotho should be causing South Africa *more trouble* than any other of the black states in the region, states which once called Chief Jonathan a stooge and an Uncle Tom for pursuing the very *kind of accommodation with Preto*ria to which they themselves have now been driven.

Economically and geographically, Lesotho is almost uniquely vulnerable to South African pressure. Its 1.3 million Basuto inhabitants *occupy some 11,600 square miles of* mountainous terrain, completely surrounded by the Orange Free State, Cape Province, Natal and the nominally independent Xhosa-speaking tribal homeland of Transkei.

All Lesotho's *imports* have to be transported through South Africa, which also supplies the small kingdom with fuel. More than 100,000 Basutos work in South Africa's mines, and the earnings they send home account for a large chunk of the country's gross national product.

Government revenue depends heavily on a generously calculated share of the common customs duties collected by South Africa on behalf of Sacu, the Southern African Customs Union, in which Lesotho and two other former British protectorates, Botswana and Swaziland, are co-partners with Pretoria.

Economically, *Lesotho has little* more *de facto* independence than some of South Africa's own tribal "Bantustans". As a recognized sovereign state, however, it can indulge in gestures of public defiance in the knowledge that naked retaliation by South Africa *would provoke an international* outcry which Pretoria in its current guise as a dove of peace would like to avoid.

What seems to be worrying Pretoria is that Lesotho is now the only geographically strategic foreign sanctuary *left* for guerrillas of the underground African National Congress (ANC) *which is* not being policed to its satisfaction. Security pacts signed with Mozambique and Swaziland have closed off the ANC's main infiltration route, and informal security arrangements with Zimbabwe and Botswana have kept ANC activity *from those countries* to negligible levels.

In December 1982, South African commandos raided alleged ANC houses *in Maseru, Lesotho's village*-sized capital, killing 42 people, 12 of them local citizens wholly unconnected to the ANC. Since then, more than 130 ANC members have left Lesotho, either voluntarily or at the direct request of the South Africans.

This, however, has not satisfied Pretoria, which would like a specific *security agreement. There are about* 11,000 South African blacks in exile in Lesotho, most of them registered with the local representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and they are regarded as a potential source of ANC *recruitment. Lesotho also provides* a point of transit to the rest of black Africa.

Always paranoid about the real or imagined influence of the long arm of Moscow and communist subversion, Pretoria has found an additional cause for alarm in the embassies opened *in Maseru last* year by the North Koreans, Russians and Chinese, which, they fear, could become centres for guerrilla recruitment and the promotion of guerrilla activity generally.

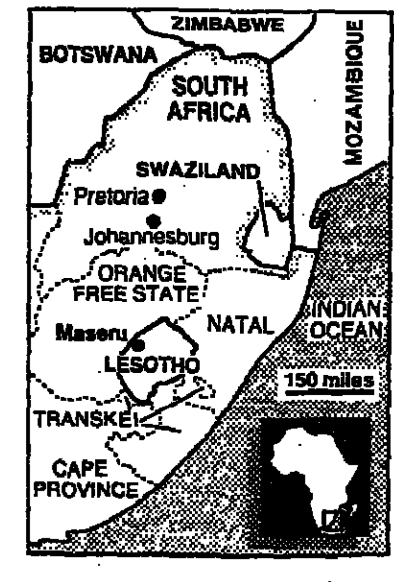
Inviting the communists in was, *on the face of it, an odd thing for* Chief Jonathan to do since his Basotho National Party was founded with the support of the Roman Catholic church 25 years ago to counter communist influences. He apparently calculated that the *communist diplomatic presence* would give him an extra layer of *international protection.*

South Africa has toyed with the weapon of economic blockage, as well as military threats, in its efforts to bring Chief Jonathan to heel. *Pretoria has also given support to* the shadowy Lesotho Liberation Army of Mr Ntsu Mokhehle, an exiled politician who was cheated of power in 1970 when Chief Jonathan declared martial law in the middle of an election which he was losing.

Now, however, Pretoria appears to have dumped Mr Mokhehle, an old left-wing radical who was always an improbable ally, in favour of a group of dissident politicians inside Lesotho who have formed a new party, the Basotho Democratic Alliance, to contest elections which the government is talking of holding towards the end of this year or early next. They have promised to close down the communist embassies if *elected.*

The Alliance was actually formed over lunch at a government guest-house in Pretoria on January 6 this year. Those present included the six Lesotho politicians concerned, Mr Pik Botha, the South African *Foreign Minister, and the chief of* the South African security police. *Mr Botha offered* financial support and, according to one participant, even discussed the possibility of direct South African intervention if Chief Jonathan managed to hang on to power.

The moral force of Chief Jonathan's *complaints about South* African meddling has been some*what weakened by the now* openly admitted fact that he himself was helped into office with South African money – Pretoria gave him 100,000 bags of maize to distribute among his constituents *before a* crucial by-election in 1965 – and was *then helped to stay there* with South African military aid in the immediate aftermath of the 1970 coup.



Anne Sofer

Getting a slice of the sexist action

An ideological dilemma is haunting the homes of north London: what to *do when your small son* asks for a Sindy doll. It is not as simple as it *looks*. The question is not just whether or not small boys should be allowed to have dolls. *Of course* they should, we all chorus in these non-sexist times: indeed they should be actively encouraged to play with them. Middle-class intellectual parents who try to tempt their *male* three-year-olds away from the doll's *pram they have expressed* an interest in by offering a pedal car *know perfectly* well they are right to feel guilty.

But Sindy is different. She is, in herself, quite appallingly sexist. She exemplifies everything that is trivial and commercially exploitable in the stereotype of a girl teenager. She is *pert and pretty and* has a huge boutique wardrobe of fashion boots, sexy lingerie, fetching tam o'shanters, high frilly "Princess Di" blouses, party dresses, jogging suits and beachwear.

You can buy her a mixer blender, a *washing machine*, a *vanity set*, a cooker unit and a spring cleaning set. To be fair, you can also buy her a motorcycle and a "camper buggy" but these are merely fashionable accessories which facilitate the whirl of parties, shopping and holidays. A real social pace-setter, Sindy. Is that the image of womanhood we want our sons to play with?

It is easier for socially-conscious parents to refuse to buy Sindy for their *daughters – though their* principles have to be very strong to *withstand* the *sort* of importunate clamour than can be sustained by the strong-willed little girls they are likely to have nurtured.

I know of one such case in which a compromise was reached in the form of Tiny Tears. Whereas Sindy is a pain, Tiny Tears is *merely* wet. Squeezed in the middle, she leaks from all the appropriate places and gazes pathetically at you through glistening eye-lashes.

A visit to Hamley's last week revealed only one unmistakably male baby, the somewhat Germanically labelled "Götz all-vinyl drink and wet baby": *he was the source of* much naughty hilarity for a group of little girls aroung the counter – but none wanted to buy him.

The real male dolls are downstairs in the Action Toys department. The popularity of Action Man and his imitators is phenomenal and I would guess that due to his arrival *there are now more* little boys *than* little girls regularly dressing and undressing and talking to their dolls. But Action Man is quite as blatantly sexist as Sindy.

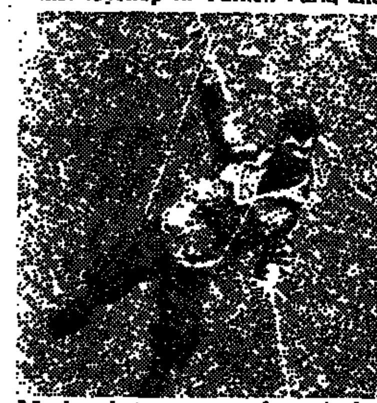
His *raison dêtre* is fighting, just as hers is clothes. There are kits for every *arm of the service* – for German stormtroopers, SAS air strike, underwater attack, parachute attack. The "action force" fleet of vehicles includes tanks and Jeeps and special patrols and laser exterminators – all of them with eye-catching Spanish translations on the box. This is presumably for the South American *arms market – what* couldn't Galtieri have done with a consignment of *exterminador lasericos?*

In the old days I remember tough but non-combative kits such as polar explorer and deep-sea diver which were a help for squeamish or pacifist parents, but these seem *largely to have disappeared. Practi*cally every kit comes complete with tiny plastic grenades, bayonets and pistols. You can also get a speaking *Action Man mouthing* a string of terse commands and an Action Man with a "new tilting head *for* sharpshooter pose".

The only escape from terrestrial carnage is the fantasy cop-out of space – a Star Wars reincarnation called Captain Zargon, with "sting-ray eyes" and all sorts of tempting zargonite gear.

Surrounded by all these mini-*manifestations* of the aggressive male and the domesticated female, *shelf upon shelf of them*, with the little hands eagerly reaching and the babble of childish *voices loud with* delight and approval, any feminist campaigner could be forgiven for crumbling in despair. How on earth to compete with that lot?

I can see a possible story line for a Posy Simmonds cartoon. Wendy *Weber, with a friend, sets up an anti*-sexist toyshop in Tufnell Park, and



Macho but unaggressive: Action Man's 1970 mountaineer

stocks it with Action Girl (kits for firefighter, weight-trainer and *computer engineer*) and Caring Christopher (outfits for nurse, home-help and house-husband). Securing a grant from the GLC women's *committee she returns home in* triumph from County Hall, looking in on her way at Hamley's to assess the competition. And she is instantly trampled underfoot by defiantly sexist toddlers stampeding to buy the latest symbol of macho masculinity or simpering *femininity*.

No, I'm not saying she should *give up*. And, of course, she *never* does, really, being one of the twentieth century's true irrepressibles. But she should realize what she is up against. Like any battle for hearts and minds it is necessary to get in there early, preferably from *the moment the midwife (mid*-spouse?) says "It's a girl" or "It's a boy."

By the time the system gets its hands on them it is much too late. Although my own children are past the Sindy and Action Man stage, I am *blessed* with a large number of small nephews who keep me up to *date with non*-sexist practice in the ILEA nurseries and infant schools. This was the latest report: "Last Friday, Mr Brown said he was making a new rule for that day." (Note: a male teacher in an infant school – important non-sexist innovation). "All the girls *had* to play with the Lego and all the boys had to play in the Home Corner." (Note: "Home Corner" equals non-sexist term for "Wendy House"). "But me and Paul just pretended we were girls and so Mr Brown let us play with Lego; but he called us Josephine and Pauline for the rest of the day!" He chortled *with delight* at the success of this all-male conspiracy. So what, sisters, are we to make of that?

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David Hughes

From atrocity to awareness

Driving down through France last year, we were relishing the usual headlong quest for sun and uplift when my wife, thumbing through our *Michelin*, asked: "What do you know about Oradour?" And I said *that I had lived with the terrible* place for 40 years.

But I had never seen the *vision épouvante* as the French call it, so in some trepidation we turned off the main road south. *I* recalled the essentials everyone knows. Of a summer Saturday in 1944 when an SS unit descended without provocation on the little town in Limousine just as people were finishing lunch. Up to now the war had not touched them. Now, in an hour, it wiped them out.

The men, *snatched from their* families, were shot at street corners and burnt in their barns. The women were crammed into the church with their children and gassed. Their homes were set on fire. By evening the town lay in exactly the ruins we see *now*, for the French revenge was to preserve that atrocity just as the Germans left it. It stands, wreathed in roses, in a wan hum of insects, shortly to celebrate, if that is the word, the fortieth anniversary of the day when history both began and ended in this backwater of the good life. Oradour is not a memorial so much as a memory.

My first thought was that this ghoulish detour had wrecked the spirit of our holiday. If the mood of the ruins seemed evil, the desire to *perpetuate it was medieval. After* tasting that presence, how could we savour a good French lunch and lap up their sunshine? Frankly, this quiescent act of vengeance, with contorted prams and cycle spokes, kitchens open to the sky, put me off *the French almost* as much as the Germans. Surely the time had come, if Europe wanted a *future rather* than a past, to let the ruins themselves fall into ruin. I longed to hear the bulldozer outrage the silence.

Yet after a few minutes, perhaps an hour – measurable time has *ceased to exist in Oradour – I felt*, to be honest, elated. The place had thrown me out of time altogether. It had forced me to enter my imagination. I gazed into the church, from where the women's screams were heard two kilometres away, and all at once stopped feeling mawkish. As my eye ran down lists *of perished names – more than 600* of them – farmers, teachers, girls, infants, a lawyer – I ceased to mourn.

Somehow it was much easier on the emotions to grieve for the event than to admit that I was glad that it had happened.

Glad is a cheap word for what I *mean. It* suggests that I felt more alive at the expense of others, dead. What now struck me in mitigation ought to have been obvious, but was hard to take – it smacked of *sacrilege. It* was *that, because* the muscles of my imagination had been exercised, by a violence of long ago, I had glimpsed the truth of the dubious adage that something extremely good can come out of something horribly bad.

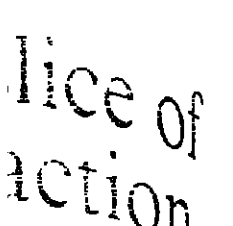
We drove off inspirited by Oradour's permanence. The eloquent wreckage made me live the actuality of war as if it were a memory of my own, rather than just accept it, shrug it off, as if war happens only to others.

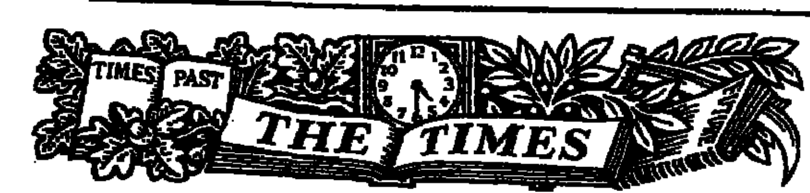
I have watched a lot of television since. There has been plenty of comparable violence, from El Salvador to St James's Square. Only last week Channel 4 repeated *The World at War* which ended with Oradour, summing up the incredibility of human conflict in a vivid coda of ruins and regret. The Butcher of Lyons keeps cropping up in bulletins; the French will rightly, perhaps wrongly, be revenged upon him.

But, whatever the outcome of these tribulations, and thanks to the detour, it now all feels real to me, not just a report, not a sensational invention of the box, but real. My own life at risk.

Perhaps, by chance, on that holiday, after 40 years I grew up.

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ORDER OF THE BOOT

The enormity of the crime *committed* from within the Libyan "people's bureau" in St James's Square has not diminished as the days have passed. There is, as with all serious crime, a high interest in bringing the criminal or criminals to justice. And there will be understandable revulsion at the spectacle of the occupants of 5 St James's Square, one at least of whom has murdered a police woman and wounded a dozen demonstrators outside the premises, making off with no questions asked. But there is little that could be done in that respect without either serious breach of its international obligations by the British Government or *the cooperation of the Libyan* authorities.

Civilized canons of diplomatic behaviour enjoined that cooperation. Colonel Gaddafi's Libya cares little about civilized canons of diplomatic behaviour, though it is quick and rigid in taking the advantages the rules confer on its own representatives. The pause allowed by the British government in the immediate aftermath of the shooting was a pause in which to seek Libyan cooperation for investigation of the crime. The request, modest enough, was that the occupants come out to be identified and that the police be permitted to search the premises for weapons and explosives in company with a Libyan official.

It has to be concluded that evidence identifying the murderer would not have been found on the premises after so many days. The occupants with diplomatic status would not have been amenable to police inquiries unless willing to assist. The occupants without diplomatic status (and there are thought to be some) could be more vigorously pressed and briefly held on suspicion for that purpose, and no immunity removes them from the jurisdiction of the criminal law. But the likelihood of their confessing or informing to the crime was next to nil. They have now been given safe conduct.

So even if the Libyan authorities had done as they were asked – and there was no sign that they would – the prospect of the police being able to uncover evidence sufficient for a criminal charge was remote. It was too remote to constitute a reason for dragging out the siege in central London much longer or a reason for undertaking moves which might imperil the safety of British citizens in Libya. The dispersal of the suspected criminals beyond the jurisdiction without investigation frustrates the satisfaction of justice only to the extent of cancelling an investigation that could not in the circumstances be expected to succeed.

However, the collective guilt of the Libyan mission, which has tried to brazen out the use of its premises as a platform and *sanctuary for street fighting to* the point of murder, requires no further evidence and no judicial process preceding the appropriate response. That response has now been given. It is the expulsion of the entire mission, and closure of its premises.

Closed they must remain until adequate apology is received from Tripoli, until the Libyan government forswears its agents' murderous pursuit of "enemies of the people" resident abroad, until it is prepared to put its diplomatic missions on a regular footing, and until the Foreign Office is satisfied – properly satisfied next time – as to the qualifications and bona fides of any new mission's personnel.

This was the predictable outcome. So gross an infringement of diplomatic privilege, issuing in a capital crime and passing without amends, could not but lead to a rupture in relations. The Government will now be expected to show that it has used the intervening six days to good effect, both to minimize the risk to British lives and interests in Libya, and to gather supporting action from among our friends and allies.

The shots in St James's Square were more than an outrage in the face of Britain. They were an outrage in the whole context of civilized intercourse between states. It is not just Britain that has an interest in bringing home to Colonel Gaddafi the criminality of what his agents have done, but the international community itself. The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Libya some time ago. *Foremost among those to* whom we are entitled to look for complementary action are our partners in the European Community. This is an occasion for the machinery of European political cooperation to turn out something of substance.

WHITEHALL'S URBAN BLIGHT

The Whitehall review of the Government's urban programme is necessary. There is a meeting of minds between the Treasury and the Department of the Environment about the need for it. The two Ministries are doing it together. It is being done quickly with assistance from Mrs Thatcher's Efficiency Unit. A great many initiatives have been taken since the summer riots of 1981 forced a reconsideration of policy. Some have fructified, others have withered. An audit of effectiveness is timely.

Yet the exercise is bedevilled by an intra-mural paradox inside the Department of the Environment, which, among other things, is Whitehall's ministry of local government finance. One side of it, the inner cities directorate, is working enthusiastically with local auhorities, commerce, industry and the voluntary sector, dispensing £348 million a year to ameliorate urban blight; while its local government finance side is equally and energetically devoted to lopping billions off the budget of overspenders which, in nearly every case, happen to be conterminous with inner urban authorities. To say this bedevils partnership is an understatement even by Whitehall standards. The tension is not creative. It is tearing sensible policy-making apart.

The twin poles are joined in the person of Mr Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment. Mr Jenkin lacks the flair to motivate cynical or defeatist local bureaucracies, overworked housing estate managers and desperate tenants in the manner of his predecessor, Mr Heseltine, who is now attacking military blight at the Ministry of Defence. But Mr Jenkin pegs away conscientiously and is in Merseyside one week in three. He deserves sympathy. His cabinet colleagues, Mr Heseltine and Mr Walker apart, are more interested in rate-capping than in inner city regeneration. So is the Treasury, though the sums at stake are in different leagues. Above all, the Prime Minister comes alive on the subject of local authority funding.

The problems of the urban areas do not arouse her formidable strengths and appetite for attacking problems, as her cold reaction to Mr Heseltine's famous minute of August 1981, "It took a Riot" showed.

There has not been an interdepartmental ministerial meeting on inner city problems since autumn 1981. The local authority finance committees MISC 79 and MISC 95 have in contrast, been very active. The Cabinet's urban neglect is regrettable. It may also be short sighted. Britain is entering what is known as the "riot season" which guardians of law and order reckon starts on Easter Monday and lasts until the end of September. The Special Branch do not expect street trouble this spring and summer, nor did they in 1981. Whatever intelligence reports suggest, the problems of urban decay are too deep-seated and long-term to be neglected at the highest level except when the petrol bombs fly.

Mr Jenkin is in a difficult position on urban policy. The Treasury has a number of valid points against his budget. There are some successes too which the Treasury must recognize, most notably the progress made in partnership areas in improving vast council estates. But Mr Jenkin, if he moves quickly, can avoid scoring at least one own goal. He can undertake to publish the report of the urban policy programme review. The Commons Environment Committee needs it if it is to help articulate a sensible public debate which fully appreciates the conflict between local authority finance and urban policy. The public needs it too. Problems cannot be solved until they are acknowledged and explained.

PSYCHIATRY, SOVIET STYLE

The death of Alexei Vasilievich Nikitin underlines the need for more strenuous efforts to end the abuse of psychiatry in the USSR for suppressing dissent. In December 1980 Mr Nikitin, a Donetsk mining engineer, was forcibly imprisoned in a psychiatric hospital after introducing two American correspondents to Soviet coalminers so that the outside world could receive first-hand evidence about the deplorable living and working conditions of miners in the USSR.

He had offended the authorities before by siding with workers in their disputes with management over the unfair distribution of bonuses and housing; in 1969, at the age of 32, he organized an appeal by more than 100 miners to the Party Central Committee. He was expelled from the Party and later dismissed from his work in the mine, but continued to campaign on behalf of miners. In 1971 an explosion in the pit in which seven died and many were injured showed that his warnings about dangerous conditions were fully justified. The following year Mr Nikitin was placed, without any psychiatric examination, in the Dnepropetrovsk Special Hospital, where among the many sane inmates he met nationalists, religious believers and other worker dissidents. Released in 1976, he was subjected to repeated KGB harassment and again confined to psychiatric hospitals, where he was punished by injection with dangerous drugs.

Dr Anatoly Koryagin, the consultant psychiatrist of the unofficial Working Commission for investigating the use of psychiatry for political purposes, examined Alexei Nikitin and found no evidence that he had ever suffered from psychiatric illness or character disorders; however, this did not save Nikitin from further internment and damaging drug treatment. Mr Mikhail Sredny, President of the Soviet Coalminers' Union, who recently expressed his sympathy for the British miners, wrote to the National Union of Mineworkers in 1981 saying that Alexei Nikitin was "a mentally unsound man who has for long been breaking the law". Dr Koryagin, who had shown this statement to be false, was himself arrested and sentenced to seven years in a strict regime camp plus five years of internal exile.

The evidence for this KGB abuse of psychiatry is overwhelming. It is quite clearly sanctioned at the highest level; the career of President Andropov demonstrated the intertwined relationship between the agencies of repression and the leadership. Since the town of Rybninsk was renamed in his honour, the psychiatric prison hospital there now presumably bears his name also.

Psychiatrists and scholars in the West have painstakingly compiled hundreds of comprehensive case histories.* The International Association on the Political Use of Psychiatry was able to produce such an incriminating file that last year the Soviet Society of Psychiatrists withdrew from the World Psychiatric Association, rather than face expulsion at the July Congress in Vienna. Eyewitness reports are available, not only from several former victims now in the West, but also from some of the more honourable Soviet psychiatrists who rebelled against the distortion of their profession and were forced to emigrate.

Those wrongfully interned in psychiatric hospitals come from a wide range of backgrounds. A well-known case similar to that of Nikitin is Vladimir Klebanov, the coalminer who attempted to form an independent trade union. Gerhard Buterus is an ethnic German who worked as a revenue inspector until his attempted escape from the USSR on a Greek ship.

Egor Volkov, arrested in 1967 for organizing a strike, has been interned in the Blagoveshchensk Psychiatric Hospital since 1968; the head of the hospital is Colonel Lyudmila Butenkova. The chairman of the Soviet psychiatrists' organization, Dr Georgy Morozov, of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, attacks such information as "slander" but refuses to permit world authorities to investigate the numerous specific cases where the names and addresses of both victim and persecutors are known.

Publicity in the West has helped many sane inmates of Soviet psychiatric hospitals, but the death of Alexei Nikitin and the continued torture of Dr Anatoly Koryagin in Chistopol prison show that publicity alone is not enough. Letters and telephone appeals to Soviet leaders and hostpital authoritites can be very effective; there should cetainly be more determined efforts by Western governments through the United Nations and other international agencies.

**The secretary of the British Working Group is Christine Shaw, 17 Norland Square, London W11, from whom an Information Bulletin is available.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safeguarding the rural elderly

From Mr D. R. B. Thompson and others

Sir, On February 28 this year, during the committee stage in the House of Lords of the Housing and Building Control Bill, an amendment was passed which exempted non-sheltered dwellings for the elderly from the right to buy. The view prevailed that the shortage of such accommodation provided by local authorities and housing associations, particularly in the rural areas, was a more important consideration than the Government's wish to extend home ownership.

In the House of Commons on April 12, during consideration of the Lords amendments, the Government successfully sought to remove the exemption agreed by the Lords and to provide the long-promised "rural safeguards". The Government's amendments were tabled too late to allow time for consideration and comment by those organisations with long experience and evidence of the problems of rural housing.

The so-called safeguards now contained in the Bill depend on the Secretary of State's designation of rural areas on application by the local authority. No statutory criteria for designation are contained in the Bill and the best guidance we have is to be found in the record of such designations since the 1980 Housing Act.

Of 130 applications only 22 have been accepted. Faced with the curious view which the Secretary of State has taken in refusing to designate what are, in anyone else's language, rural areas, many local authorities have not wasted their time with further applications.

Until the Government will clearly define its criteria for the designation of a "rural area", the new amendment's true meaning, and therefore its value in tackling the problem perceived by their Lordships, cannot be examined. As it stands it is, at best, a gesture and on past evidence is, at worst, a mechanism for allowing ministerial action to alter the apparent intentions of an Act of Parliament.

If the Government is sincere in seeking to provide safeguards to preserve the small stock of rented housing for the rural elderly, then the intentions it has expressed must be translated into a demonstrated readiness to designate rural areas.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN THOMPSON,
(Chairman, National Agricultural Centre Housing Association),
MOIRA E. CONSTABLE,
(Chief Executive, National Agricultural Centre Rural Trust),
DAVID CLARK,
(Secretary, Rural Voice),
National Agricultural Centre Rural Trust,
35 Belgrave Square, SW1.
April 13.

Thinking for Church

From Dr Graham Dawson

Sir, As a contributor to *The Kindness That Kills*, I would like to allay Mr Ronald Butt's fears (feature, April 12), that "between the lines of some of these essays, it is almost as though the chief value of Christianity is seen as its capacity to give moral authority to the Absolute of the market".

The concluding lines of my essay are sufficiently plain to dispel any anxiety about what might lie between them: "... it is reasonable to believe, on the basis of historical evidence, that capitalism is the best wealth-creating yet devised."

I am sure that my fellow contributors would agree that commitment to the market or capitalist system, as to any merely human device or institution, must be sensitive to the evidence and therefore no more than conditional.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM DAWSON,
7 Venables Drive,
Poulton Lancelyn,
Wirral,
Merseyside,
April 12.

Teachers' pay claim

From Mr Eric Farge

Sir, Yesterday (April 16) Sir Keith Joseph told teachers at the annual conference of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association that their pay is low because the law of supply and demand is operating (report, April 17).

Is it worth pointing out to him that in the case of politicians supply enormously exceeds demand and that the demand for Conservative politicians now seems to have fallen to an all-time low?

There is of course no reflection of this in the salaries of MPs or Cabinet ministers.

Yours faithfully,
E. FARGE,
50 Grove Avenue,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
April 17.

Making best use of North Sea oil

From Professor Lord Kaldor, FBA

Sir, Rarely can a Chancellor of the Exchequer have said something so nonsensical as the remark attributed to Mr Lawson in your issue of April 10, that "North Sea oil production had *displaced* other industrial activity, partly by pushing up the exchange rate, and had *hastened*, but not caused, the structural decline of manufacturing" (italics added).

The implication is that this "displacement" was something inevitable, due to the fact that resources of capital and labour previously engaged in manufacturing were now required for oil. But it was nothing of the kind. It was the result of the failure of the Government to recognize that oil production was a new and additional source of income, which has the peculiarity that, unlike other kinds of production, only a negligible fraction (2 per cent) generates spendable incomes, the rest being a potential addition to *national* savings which must be balanced by additional investment if a contraction of output elsewhere in the economy is to be prevented.

Had we increased our investment in manufacturing or in social infrastructure *pari passu* with the increase in the value of oil production, the Germans and other trading partners could have paid for oil by supplying additional machinery without any adverse effect on British manufacturing industry – indeed, thus counteracting the long process of "structural decline" of Britain as a manufacturing nation.

Mr Lawson's policies make sense only on the supposition that Mrs Thatcher and her friends regarded the rise in unemployment by two millions as a more important objective (in pursuit of their anti-inflationary policy) than the regeneration of British industry.

Britain's industrial prospects were further worsened by the provisions of Mr Lawson's Budget, which has withdrawn (in stages) the existing capital allowances and balanced the resulting gain in revenue by a reduction in the prospective rates of corporation tax from 52 to 32 per cent.

This is tantamount to a big shift in the distribution of the burden of company taxation against the dynamic and expanding firms (who undertake most of the new industrial investment) in favour of old and decrepit firms who invest nothing and therefore get the full benefit of the lower rate of taxation.

This is exactly the opposite of the tax reforms demanded by M Yvon Gattaz, President of the CNPF (the French equivalent of the CBI) who, as reported on the front page of *Le Monde* in the issue of April 11, asked that profits reinvested in the business in new capital expenditure be exempt from taxation.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS KALDOR,
La Garde Freinet,
Var, France.

Language of prayer

From the Reverend Colin Sedgwick

Sir, I am neither an Anglican nor a literary aesthete, so what the Church of England chooses to do with its service books is not of primary importance to me. But even I find it impossible to let Roger Scruton's piece (April 10) pass without comment.

I suspect that several of the things he says are literally meaningless. The Book of Common Prayer "joins together eternal destiny with an enduring, but temporal, political allegiance". This sounds very grand. But what does it actually *mean*? What is this "political allegiance" in which use of the BCP involves us?

An even more peculiar generalization follows concerning "modern Europeans". Such people can only "worship God easily (?) through forms and liturgies which enable them ... to 'confess to history'". I suspect that this is the kind of nonsense of which only an intellectual can be capable.

But worst of all are Dr Scruton's comments on liturgical language (by which, of course, he means BCP *liturgical language*). "*It is only in* such a language that a dying person can be consoled", he tells us.

I don't like to be rude, but what utter drivel! It prompts me to wonder what practical experience Dr Scruton has of consoling the dying. As a Christian minister, this is part of my normal work, and I simply do not use either the BCP or any other service book. If Dr Scruton is right, therefore, my ministrations must be in vain. Strangely, though, this is not what people on the receiving end of them are often moved to say.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN SEDGWICK,
Scunthorpe Baptist Church,
Ashby Road,
Scunthorpe.

Staying in touch

From the Director of the America-European Community Association

Sir, Western Europe and the United States are failing to maintain the high quality of Atlantic communications which characterised the postwar years. The facts, as you rightly point out in your April 10 article, do not fit the dangerous argument which suggests an "equity of menace" of the Soviet Union and the United States. But facts do not speak for themselves: they need to be effectively communicated.

Traditionally, communications have been between the peoples of northern Europe and eastern America. However, over the next decades, as these peoples move physically and psychologically to the south and the west, there could be an increasing lack of understanding across the Atlantic of how fundamental to peace and prosperity are our shared democratic values.

Urgent and imaginative action is needed. For example, a few planeloads exchanging young people might communicate the importance of these issues better than extra words. Your readers today have mostly lived peaceful lives in pleasant democracies. What small efforts we now need to make, compared to those of our parents and grandparents, to maintain a democratic way of life for our children. I wonder whether we will bother to make them?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DREW, Director,
America-European Community Association,
St Martin's House, 10th floor,
140 Tottenham Court Road, NW1.

Mental health care

From Dr Peter Rohde

Sir, It is wrong to state *(The Times*, March 27) that the 1983 Mental Health Act does not allow people to be committed to a mental hospital unless they are a danger to themselves or others.

The actual words are "in the interests of his own health or safety or with a view to the protection of other persons" (section 2 and 3).

Your correspondent, by omitting "health", perpetuates a widespread misquotation of the Act.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROHDE,
St Mary Abbot's Hospital,
Marloes Road, W8.

Milk quota muddle

From Lord Brookeborough

Sir, The recent common agricultural policy price settlement accepted for the United Kingdom by the Minister of Agriculture has been widely acclaimed. To say the least this is misguided but not surprising. Even the Prime Minister appeared to misunderstand it, as demonstrated by her apology to Mr Hume over confusion about the Northern Ireland milk quota.

Firstly, Britain's trump negotiating card has been thrown away by accepting the price settlement before a permanent solution has been found for either the United Kingdom's EEC contribution or for the control of Community spending.

Secondly, far from limiting CAP expenditure the present settlement will result in higher spending this year than last, and certainly more than the budget.

Thirdly, nothing significant was done over the key commodity of cereals. Cereal growers needed a clear signal that rising surpluses will not be acceptable. Cheaper cereals are necessary to correct the imbalance between hoof and corn and to stimulate consumption.

Fourthly, although on the surface an attempt has been made to control runaway milk output, the level set is so high that the butter and skim mountain will continue to grow.

And lastly, derogation on the quotas was granted to a number of countries, most notably the Irish Republic. This should never have been allowed. Any country in vital need of derogation should have been paid a direct grant from the social fund to be spent on alleviating the result of the quotas in a way which will not enlarge surpluses.

In Northern Ireland's special circumstances, the impression has been allowed to grow that our dairy farmers will be largely exempt from quotas. In fact there will be a cut of 9 per cent on 1983 levels, resulting in a drop of about 75 per cent of net income.

In conclusion the settlement did no good for the consumers, taxpayers, the national interest, or the long-term interest of a sound agricultural industry. What a lost opportunity.

Yours etc,
BROOKEBOROUGH,
Ashbrooke House,
Brookeborough,
co Fermanagh,
Northern Ireland,
April 17.

Keeping jail balance

From Mr H. J. Appleton

Sir, There will be little disagreement with Mr Morgan ("Just visiting – to what purpose?", *April* 7) on his comments on the highly unsatisfactory conditions in which many remand prisoners are held. Many convicted prisoners are also affected, although it should be pointed out that mercifully not all prisons suffer the overcrowding found in so-called local prisons and remand centres.

I would not have thought that there was any lack of public concern about this, but it is certainly up to boards to continue to exert pressure by whatever means they consider most effective to try to ensure a substantial and lasting improvement.

However it is when Mr Morgan seeks to extend his argument to show that the spread of members' responsibilities – in particular the inclusion of a disciplinary role – makes the job virtually impossible that I, for one, part company with him.

Prisons are a classic case of "them and us"; either you are behind the bars or you are not. The day-to-day running of the whole service depends on the maintenance of a balance between inmates and staff, a continuous push-pull, a kind of dynamic equilibrium; disturb it to any significant extent and the whole system will grind to a halt.

Boards of visitors, almost alone amongst those who work in prisons, are in a position to help maintain this balance, but only so long as *there are two sides to the job* – the watchdog function which, in the eyes of many members of staff, puts us on the side of the inmate, and the disciplinary function, which does the opposite. Take away either one and we are left standing on one leg.

In my view, to fail to grasp this is to fail to understand the essence of the job.

I would be the first to agree that the duties of members of boards are not always easy to perform and if, as Mr Morgan says, he found the combination of these duties "an intolerably ill-balanced and unjust dilemma" then he was right to resign. Further, I think that any members of boards who share his views *to the point where their ability to carry out the full range of their responsibilities is impaired* should follow his example.

I believe it will then be clear that the great majority of members do not find the same degree of difficulty which so bedevilled him and that they will continue to make their contribution to the everyday existence of the establishments which they serve.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. APPLETON, Board of Visitors,
H.M. Prison,
Gartree,
Leicester Road,
Market Harborough,
Leicestershire.
April 9.

Seal hunt boycott hits fishermen

From the Bishop of Quebec

Sir, Recently I witnessed the CBC *Journal's* telecast on the boycott of Canadian fish products in Britain. According to the *Journal*, which is normally accurate in its reporting, the boycott was the consequence of the British people's unhappiness about the seal hunt. I must confess to finding the present manner of seal hunting very distressing and have already urged that, if scientific evidence has proved the necessity of culling the herd, the most humane method of doing so be found and employed.

What concerns me in this particular instance and has prompted me to write this letter is a fear that the British people are acting on incomplete information. A boycott of Canadian fish products has, for example, a very serious effect on the fishermen on our *western coast, British Colombia*.

These people are suffering from the boycott, yet they are uninvolved in the seal hunt. In my own Diocese of Quebec there are fishermen who are being severely penalized by this action who have not taken part in the seal hunt and there are also the native peoples whose livelihood depends on fishing.

As a native Briton I have a strong regard for "fair play" and am proud of the distinguished tradition that has always made that concept an integral part of the decisions of most Britishers. May I urge you to seek *all* the facts on this issue before assuming a stance that does injury to innocent parties.

There are already rumours in this country of a "counter-boycott" which would wreak more hardship, perhaps *unnecessarily. Worst of all*, such a state of affairs may in fact direct attention away from the original question: how can we arrange to ensure sensible and humane management of the herds of the beautiful white seals.

Yours sincerely,
ALLEN GOODINGS,
Diocese of Quebec,
Anglican Church of Canada,
Church House,
35 rue des Jardins,
Quebec,
Canada.
April 6.

Landscaping and BR

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, It is ironic that Derek Lovejoy (April 10) should castigate British Rail for a decline in its lineside environment over the last decade, when *force majeure*, in the shape of tailoring resources to business objectives, has allowed linesides to revert more than ever towards their natural state: a joy to ecologists, but not to landscape architects, it seems.

Since the demise of steam in 1968 there has been no need for controlled burning necessary to minimise fire risk. Safety continues to be the guiding principle – in forewarning staff working on the track, ensuring drivers' sight lines to signals, and preventing trees fouling the track. For these reasons our engineers need to keep clear a three-metre strip back from the ballast shoulder by cutting, spraying or the use of rail-mounted flails. It is hard to combine any of thse treatments with good visual effect.

Outside this strip, however, nature is allowed free rein – unless a tree is judged potentially dangerous. The Nature Conservancy Council surveys and advises us on lineside habitats for their special flora, fauna or geology.

To say that we are not dealing with the problems of the lineside environment as a whole would be untrue. In partnership with Hampshire County Council we have commissioned a study of the lineside in the Winchester area to develop a management plan that will also provide guidelines for *improvements elsewhere.*

I join Derek Lovejoy *in deploring* the use of railway land, especially in urban areas, as a dumping ground. BR staff are increasing their efforts to clear scrap and debris left after engineering work; and in many cities BR has joined forces with local authorities and the Manpower Services Commission in clearing lineside rubbish.

We are keen to launch more schemes of this kind; many do not realise that their own backyard is our window display.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
Director Environment,
British Railways Board,
222 Marylebone Road, NW1.
April 12.

Unfair daffodils

From Dr M. D. Croft

Sir, The daffodils in our front garden are all pointing towards the street and away from our house. I bought them so that I could look at them out of the window, but they seem to reserve their beauty not for me but for passers-by, who did not fork out last autumn for the bulbs, as I did.

My wife tells me they are looking towards the sun, but that does not explain the behaviour of the daffodils in the back garden, which are also facing the other way. Is there something fundamentally wrong about the way we planted them, or are we doing something of which they disapprove?

Short of wringing their necks, or cutting off the flowers and placing them in a vase on the dinning-room table, or changing our highly provocative lifestyle, can anything be done? We need an answer fast, as their attitude is already beginning to infect the primroses.

Yours faithfully.
MICHAEL CROFT,
9 Guildford Grove,
Greenwich, SE10.
April 17.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 21: Today is the fifty-eighth Anniversary of the Birthday of The Queen.

April 22: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, left Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Sweden, where His Royal Highness will attend the 1984 Volvo World Cup Holland Showjumping Final in Gothenburg.

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN is in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay, will visit the National Trust for Scotland's Visitors' Centre at Culloden, Inverness, on May 3 and open the Royal British Legion Housing Association's sheltered housing development at MacEwen Court, Inverness.

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will attend a court meeting of the Carmen's Company on May 3 when Princess Anne will join the company as an honorary assistant and Captain Phillips will be admitted as an honorary liveryman.

The Queen will visit the 1st Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers at Warminster on May 4.

Princess Anne will present the Youth Caring Awards at Pebble Mill, Birmingham on May 4.

Princess Anne, Upper Warden of the Farriers' Company, will attend a livery dinner at the Mansion House on May 4.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Thames Barrier on May 8.

Princess Anne will attend the Weston Community Health Council's Aids to Living Exhibition for the Handicapped and Elderly at the Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare, on May 8.

Princess Anne, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend an exhibition of the brigade's history at the museum, Weston-super-Mare, on May 8.

The Prince of Wales, patron, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, will visit the college and accept honorary fellowship on May 8.

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary fellow of the North-east Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, will visit Newcastle for the institution's centenary celebrations on May 14 and 15.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the 1984 Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion at Buckingham Palace on May 15.

Princess Anne will visit Bejam's 200th store in Woodley, Berkshire, on May 15 and will open the Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Pringle, founder of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, will be held at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, at 2.30 pm on Thursday, May 3.

Lady Gabriella Windsor, daughter of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, is three today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. I. Glover and Miss R. H. Harper

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Glover, of Caversham, Reading, and Ruth, only daughter of the late Mr J. Harper, and Mrs Harper, of Rayleigh, Essex.

Mr A. J. Schofield and Miss H. J. Gravett

The engagement is announced between Andrew John, younger son of Mr and Mrs K. J. Schofield, of Shepherd's Well, Kent, and Hilary Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M. B. Gravett, of Hale, Cheshire.

Marriages

Mr C. G. C. Goodhart and Signorina C. A. E. Cioppa

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 14, at the Church of San Pietro e Paolo, Cevoli, Italy, of Mr Christopher Goodhart, son of Commander and Mrs Anthony Goodhart, of Chateauneuf de Grasse, France, and Signorina Caterina Cioppa, daughter of Ammiraglio di Squadra Grande Ufficiale Egidio Cioppa and Signora Benita Hahn Cioppa, of Villa Le Torri, Cevoli, Italy.

Mr G. M. McLellan and Miss S. J. Osborne

The marriage took place at the Temple Church, London, on Saturday, April 14, of Mr George McLellan and Miss Susan Osborne. A reception was held afterwards in the hall of the Inner Temple.

Judge retires

Judge Edie retired from the circuit bench on the South-eastern Circuit on Thursday.

Birthdays today

Mr Malcolm Anson, 60; Archbishop M. G. Bowen, 54; Lord Carew, 79; Mr Anthony Craxton, 66; Professor Glyn Daniel, 70; Mr James Donleavy, 58; the Earl of Drogheda, 74; Sir Arnold Hall, 69; Mr James Kirkup, 61; Lord McAlpine of Moffat, 77; Sir Thomas Padmore, 75; Lord Samuel of Wych Cross, 72; Professor G. Steiner, 55; Mrs Shirley Temple Black, 56; Sir Herbert Tetley, 76; Mr Colin Welch, 60; Sir Eric Yarrow, 64; Mr Stuart Young, 50.

Service dinner

HMS Antrim

Captain Jake Backus, RN, entertained former commanding officers of HMS Antrim at dinner on board at Portsmouth on April 18 to celebrate the end of Antrim's operational service. Rear-Admiral H. Hollins proposed the toast to HMS Antrim, to which Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram responded.

Latest appointments

Mr T. F. Hatton to be a circuit judge on South-eastern Circuit.

Dr A. D. Cox, consultant in child and adolescent psychiatry at the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital, London, to be honorary consultant in child and adolescent psychiatry to the Army.

The following new members have been appointed to the Independent Broadcasting Authority's local advisory committees for independent local radio:

Coventry: Mrs Helen Bayliss (chairman), Mr Ravinder Dhami, Mr Rawle Jordan and Mrs Irene Lapworth.
Gloucester and Cheltenham: Mr Ron Wheeler (chairman), Mr James Bays, Mr Brian Bowen, Miss Sian Thompson, Mrs Angela Vincent and Mrs Mary Whyte.
Wolverhampton and Black Country: Mr John Bastow, Mrs Anne Child, Mr Gary Osbourne, Mr George Smith, Mrs Teresa Walton, Mrs Joan Williams and Mrs Elizabeth Yeomans.
Hereford/Worcester: Mr Peter Phillips, Mr Martin Vale and Mr Tony Webb.

Allegory of faith tested to destruction

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Studies in America claim to have shown that patients with cancer who defy the disease in their minds stand a better chance of recovery than those who accept it. No explanation in purely physical terms appears to be available, and the way the mind can influence the course of disease remains a mystery.

It is just a little bit less of a mystery, however, in the light of the Book of Job. He refused to consent to suffering, fighting off all attempts by his friends to persuade him to do so, and in the end he recovered. The story is told, and usually interpreted, as a lesson in the right attitude to God. It can just as well be taken as a lesson in all the wrong attitudes to suffering, the arguments of Job's comforters.

The German radical theologian, Dorothee Soelle, began a treatise on suffering in 1973 with a chapter called "A Critique of Christian Masochism". She bluntly repudiated there all the pious formulae with which religion has tried to console those who suffer, particularly the equation of affliction with the will of God.

That, she wrote, is "theological sadism". Job would have agreed. But that does not lead straight to another pious formula, which could be recommended to patients with cancer to increase their chances of survival. Suffering's mystery, to the secular as much as to the religious mind, remains largely impenetrable.

The dilemma to faith represented by suffering is an ancient one, but has not lost its persuasive power. If God is infinitely good then the existence of suffering proves he cannot also be infinitely powerful; if God is infinitely powerful the suffering he could intervene to stop shows he is not infinitely good.

Faced with suffering in its most poignant form, a sick child for instance, the very possibility of faith is tested to its limit; for many people, beyond its limit. The dilemma can breed a cynical agnosticism or apathetic fatalism, particularly in a culture like ours, which sees suffering as a medical problem needing clinical treatment, not as a spiritual problem.

All religions try to ease the dilemma. Christianity illuminates it (without solving it) by pointing to the Cross. That raises the stakes; what has then to be understood is the suffering of the Son of God. A theology whose first move is to heighten the problem cannot be accused of trying to minimize it. But there are still many traps waiting, of which Soelle's theological sadism is only one.

It can also be denied that Christ "really" suffered; or it can be asserted that his foreknowledge of his resurrection made it bearable; or it can be denied that he had any unique claim on God's mercy – that he was mere man, just one more victim of human cruelty. None of those easier answers quite fits with what is told about his suffering, however. The authors of the four Gospels resist each of them so deftly it appears they must have considered them and chosen to keep the mystery alive, to pass on the consequent challenge to others.

There is no intellectual solution. But with just half an eye of faith (disbelief suspended, where necessary) it is possible to describe a state of mind for the endurance of suffering which may not be too far from the mind of the victim at Golgotha. Jesus submitted to his suffering, and yet did not consent to it. The line to be drawn between submission and consent seems infinitely thin, and with that he had to wrestle in the Garden of Gethsemane.

It is almost a paradox, where two principles in logical opposition have to be maintained simultaneously, but not quite. Those who have suffered, and suffered in their minds their own Agony in the Garden, know there is a difference between submitting and consenting.

It is not easily expressed, which is why it can never be issued to patients with their medicine, and why Job's story does not end with a neat solution. The end of the story of Jesus's suffering is even less comfortable than Job's; it ends with his devastating cry to God: "Why hast thou forsaken me?"

It is impossible not to admire the journalistic integrity of the Evangelist who reported even that; impossible also not to be moved by it. Many are the fresh problems it poses, but one it clarifies. He did not consent to his suffering, right to that last reproach. Victim he knew he was, and perhaps had to be, but not a willing victim.

Christian faith moves on to the Resurrection, and the unbeliever must needs part company with the story here, except to note, perhaps, that the risen Christ offered no excuses or explanations to diminish the problematical content of what had gone before. To Thomas he showed his wounds; the suffering had been real enough.

Nowhere, is it stoicized, as if pain does not really hurt if the mind can find the right approach. And if good may come of it – the American study of cancer patients showed that those who recovered felt something very important had happened to them – that cannot be weighed in the balance until afterwards, cannot be counted on to reduce the distress at the time.

The story of Christ's passion and resurrection, as subject matter for an understanding of suffering, points to no facile resolution of the dilemma posed to faith, but does indicate an attitude of mind at the time, one only to be acquired through suffering, not in advance. It is an allegory of the strong faith tested to destruction but resisting all the way, and letting go, at death itself; and of how at the final point of the struggle, at the very moment of breaking, a miracle occurs.

Emperor Hirohito of Japan and Empress Nagako on a family outing yesterday at the palace of Crown Prince Akihito with (from left) Crown Princess Michiko, Princess Aya, Akihito, and Prince Nori. The emperor will be 83 on April 29

Friends of Moorfields Eye Hospital

To raise funds for the Friends of Moorfields Eye Hospital a bridge tournament is to be played in competitors' homes before June 11. Details and score cards are available from Lady Peyton of Yeovil, chairman, Bridge Tournament Subcommittee, Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PD.

University news

Aberdeen

Dr Russell Schiller, MA (Cantab), PhD, head of research, Hillier Parker, May and Rowden, chartered surveyors, London to be honorary professor in land economy.

Manchester

Professor Michael Hart, FRS, Wheatstone Professor of Physics at King's College, London, has been appointed to a new chair of physics from October 1.

Liverpool

Appointments:
Lecturer in electrical engineering and electronics: P H Mellor, BEng (Liv), from February 6; lecturer in mechanical engineering: J E Mottershead, BSc, PhD (CNAA), from April 1; lecturer in ecology: D Atkinson, BSc (Wales), from March 1.

Sheffield

Dr Kenneth Chrystal, lecturer in economics, Exeter University, has been appointed to the chair of economics from October 1.

Bristol

Professor Esra Bennathan has been awarded the title of emeritus professor of political economy.

Promotions to Senior Lectureships:
Dr R Bolster, French; Dr G E Cart, history; Dr A T Richardson, engineering mathematics; Dr G C Perry, animal husbandry; C L F Attfield, economics.

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £199,000 to Dr J W Steeds towards an investigation entitled "high voltage convergent beam electron diffraction and microanalysis in materials science" over three years, from December 1, 1983; £69,387 to Dr A R Goldsmith towards an investigation entitled "photoperiodism and the termination of seasonal breeding: the physiological mechanism of photorefractoriness" over five years from October 1, 1984; £64,612 to Professor E G Ellison towards an investigation entitled "strength of cracked components in the creep range" over three years from January 1, 1984.
Agricultural and Foods Research Council: £116,917 to Professor E D T Atkins and Professor A J Bailey towards an investigation entitled "structural studies on fibrous biopolymers over three years from March 1; £53,488 to Dr S E Long and Dr G C Perry as a further grant towards an investigation entitled "research on temporal patterns and hormonal bases of bovine oestrous odours" over three years

York

The following have been promoted to a personal chair: Dr M. J. Chadwick, biology, L. G. Godfrey, economics and related studies, J. D. Hey, economics and related studies, A. D. Moody, English and related literature, M. C. Sawyer, economics and related studies, Dr P. J. Simmons, economics and related studies, Dr I. C. Wand, computer science.

Secret inspiration for Elgar revealed

A letter by Sir Edward Elgar to be published this week will endorse the discovery, revealed yesterday in The Sunday Times, of a new clue in the mystery of the Enigma Variations, composed 85 years ago.

The composer's godson, Wulstan Atkins, has disclosed that the 13th variation, headed in the score by three asterisks, was dedicated to Helen Jessie Weaver, a girl from Worcester to whom Elgar was engaged between January, 1883, and the summer of 1884.

They did not marry because Elgar was Roman Catholic and Helen a Unitarian, and neither was prepared to convert. Helen broke the engagement, returned Elgar's letters and never saw him again.

Shortly after the break, Elgar wrote to his friend, Dr Charles Buck, on July 20 1884: "My prospects are worse than ever and to crown my miseries my engagement is broken off and I am lonely."

That letter, previously unavailable to Elgar scholars, will appear this Thursday in Atkins's memoirs of his father and Elgar (published by David and Charles). Atkins says: "My father was so close to Elgar that to watch them was embarrassing for a stranger. They would begin sentences in the middle and understand each other."

It was to Sir Ivor Atkins, organist at Worcester Cathedral, that Elgar reminisced in his last years about his love for Helen Weaver. From those conversations, Wulstan Atkins says, Sir Ivor understood that Helen had been the inspiration both of the 13th Enigma Variation and of the Violin Concerto of 1910.

Helen had been studying violin at Leipzig when they fell in love, and it was appropriate, Atkins feels, that Elgar should have remembered her in his only concerto for the instrument.

Elgar and Helen had grown up as near neighbours in Worcester High Street, where both families owned shops. She was three years his junior and they did not meet apparently until adulthood, when Elgar became friendly with Helen's brother, Frank Weaver, who played violin under his baton in the Worcester Amateur Instrumental Society.

After the engagement was over, all that is known of Helen is that she left Worcester to live with a friend in Bradford and in August, 1885, emigrated to New Zealand, her health apparently ruined. Atkins believes Elgar was informed of her death some years later by Frank Weaver.

Wulstan Atkins, now 80, learnt about Helen in 1935 while on holiday with his father. But he gave a promise not to disclose the information for 50 years. He said: "To my generation a promise given is more important than the needs of historians and journalists."

Science report

Alcohol helps to keep gallstones away

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Drink a little alcohol, keep slim, avoid sugar and perhaps maintain a high-fibre intake, and you stand a better chance of avoiding gallstones, according to the findings of a new case-control study.

In both men and women, researchers found an increased intake of alcohol was associated with a decreased risk of developing gallstones; an increased intake of sugars in drinks and sweets was associated with a greater risk; and an increased intake of energy or fat was associated with a higher risk in young subjects. Surprisingly, obesity was linked with an increased risk only in women aged under 50.

The study population comprised 267 hospital patients with newly diagnosed gallstone disease, 241 individually matched controls selected from the community, and 359 controls who were patients in hospital. All were from Adelaide, Australia.

Dietary intake was estimated with a quantitative food-frequency questionaire. Multiple logistic regression analysis was used to estimate the net association between individual nutrients and the risk of formation of gallstones. Variations in risk with sex and age were examined in the light of evidence from prior studies.

The study produced impressive evidence to incriminate refined (in the sense of fibre deleted) sugar. Total intake of sugar, which includes natural sugar in fruit and vegetables but consists mainly of refined sugar in most people's diet, was higher in younger patients of both sexes. Sugar in drinks and sweets was higher at all ages.

The Adelaide findings are the first clear evidence that a moderate intake of alchol seems to protect against gallstones. Considerably less than half a bottle of wine a day may provide protection. That confirms a study in Bristol published in The Lancet last year, in which 12 previously abstemious subjects drank half a bottle of wine a day for six weeks. Their bile became considerably less saturated.

Obesity as assessed indirectly in the study, by Quetelet's index of weight divided by height squared, was associated with an increased risk of gallstone formation, maximally among women aged under 50, less so among older women, and not among men.

The finding that obesity was not a significant risk factor among men of all ages and women aged 50 or more could reflect an influence of reproductive or hormonal factors, or both, in the association between obesity and gallstones.

The lack of dietary fibre as a contributory factor was not established in the study, which found no difference between patients and controls in their fibre intake. However, the threshold at which fibre protects, as shown in prior studies, may have been higher than the intakes achieved any of the cases or controls.

The study was conducted by Dr R. K. R. Scragg and colleagues at the Division of Human Nutrition, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Adelaide South Australia.

Source: British Medical Journal, April 14, 1984.

Latest wills

Labour MP leaves £101,611

Mr Russell Whiston Kerr, of Richmond upon Thames, Labour MP for Feltham and Heston from 1974 until the last general election, left estate valued at £101,611 net.

Dr Cecil Eppel, of Westminster, London, left £754,396 net.

Colonel Rupert Alexander Alec-Smith, of Winestead, Hull, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 1980-83, left £613,549 net.

Mr Dick Dearlove Burniston, of Bilton in Ainsty, North Yorkshire, left £1,302,577 net.

Dr William Brockbank, of Withington, Manchester, dean of clinical studies, Manchester University Medical School, 1939-65 left £393,380 net.

Shirley Burdett, of Seaford, left £51,169 net. She left all her property to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Barnes, Mrs Leila Phoebe, of Walton on the Naze, Essex .... £272,742.
Bibby, Mrs Edith Winifred Pryce, of West Kirby .... 322,940.
Tipton-Jones, Mrs Una Ruth, of Hale, unsettled estate .... £293,879.
Pugh, Mrs Doris Phoebe, of Folkestone .... £594,884.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: P J E Cheshire to Drake As Capt (Hydrographers), June 1; D Whitehead to MOD as DCNSO, May 11.
COMMANDERS: I M Hime to Staff of SACLANT, Aug 31; R N E Payne to MOD with DNOR, Dec 4; M Rotherham to MOD with DNAW, Oct 26; R C Swales to Osprey as Cdr (Air), Jan 11, 1985; A K Tatman to Staff of CINCEASTLANT/CINCHAN as Staff Officer Air Defence, May 1.
Retirements
COMMANDER: J E Highton, June 23.

RAF

GROUP CAPTAIN (Acting Air Commodore): R N Whittaker to RAF SC as Air Cdre Supply and Movements, April 20.
WING COMMANDERS: C T Campbell to RAF Scampton as OC Admin Wg, April 24; R A Kinghorn to MOD (Central Staff) London, April 24; J J Leahy to Mov 6 (RAF), MOD London, April 24; P J Welby to SM20(RAF), MOD Harrogate, April 24; D J Williams to MOD(PE), A Armt, April 24.
SQUADRON LEADERS (Acting Wing Commanders): T J Sneddon to HQ SHAPE as Admin Exec, April 20; G J Cheeseman to AD Sec Pol(RAF), MOD (AFD), April 24; C W Pennell to HQSTC, Syl, April 24.

Army scholarships

The following have been awarded scholarships in the Army Scholarship Competition (Autumn, 1983):

B G Theodore Ashforth, Bootham S, York; J M Calvet, Glasgow Acad; P Neil Cooper, Vale of Ancholme S, Brigg; T P R Daniel, Stonyhurst C; C S Dymock, Dauntsey's S; C J Finch, St Edward's S, Oxford; M J B Harrison, Edinburgh Acad; P F O Hollowday, Whitgift S; P A J Horton, Dulwich C; C N Jaques, King's S, Worcester; M B D Jenkins, St John's S, Leatherhead; S P Knocker, St Peter's S, York; S R D Langton, Bearwood C; T Mabor, Cranbrook S; J S Neely, Bedford S; N F C Nottingham, Haileybury; D P O'Connell, Downside S; R J D Ovey, Eton; R A Preston, King's S, Worcester; G R C Quiller, Harrow; C P Richards, St Peter's S, York; D J H Robbin, King's C, Taunton; N D Sexton, Whitgift S; P D Suddards, Harrogate GS; J E Swetenham, Eton; A B Syme, Leeds GS; W D Taunton-Burnet, Cheltenham C; S J Taylor, Duke of York's Royal Military S; C Thomas, Wycliffe C; M D Thompson, King's C, Taunton; J C Van Der Pant, RGS, High Wycombe; H A Watson, Winchester; J V White, The Leys S, Cambridge; R F Whitbread, K Edward's S, Birmingham; M J Wolff, Foster's S, Sherborne

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR G. B. CAIRD

New Testament scholar

The Rev Professor George Bradford Caird, who died on April 21 at the age of 66 was a New Testament scholar who had also made an important contribution to the ecumenical movement in the Christian Church and was a noted modern hymn writer. He had been Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture in the University of Oxford since 1977, and was, from 1970 to 1977 Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford.

George Caird was the latest of a distinguished line of scholars that Mansfield College has given to the universities and churches of the world. At Mansfield he succeeded such men as Moffatt, Souter, Manson Cadman Hunter and Dodd in the New Testament work done there.

George Caird was born on July 19, 1917. He was educated at King Edward School, Birmingham, Peterhouse, Cambridge, (where he read for the Classical Tripos) and Mansfield College, Oxford, where he received his ordination training and wrote a notable thesis for his DPhil.

From 1942 to 1946 he was the Minister of the Congregational Church at Highgate where W. B. Selbie, a previous Principal of Mansfield College had exercised his first pastoral ministry.

From Highgate Caird moved to Canada and into the profession of university teacher where his gifts were to find such effective expression. For four years he was Professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature at St Stephen's College, Edmonton, Alberta, and moved in 1950 to the Chair of New Testament Language and Literature at McGill University, to the duties of which he added in 1955 those of the Principal of the United Theological College.

In 1959 he accepted a call back to Mansfield College where he lectured and taught until 1977. He very quickly became known as the outstanding New Testament teacher in Oxford, a fact which the University recognised by appointing him its Grinfield Lecturer in the Septuagint in 1961, as a non-stipendiary Reader in New Testament Studies in 1969, and as Dean Ireland Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture in 1977.

His services in Canada were recognised by an honorary DD from both Edmonton and McGill; and the University of Aberdeen bestowed the same honour in 1966. He was Moderator of the United Reformed Church in 1975-76.

Caird's return to Oxford did much to restore and maintain the authority of the lecture room as a valuable means of scholarly and stimulating preparation for 'schools'. And those who were privileged to read him essays as undergraduates, or discuss research with him as graduates, learnt from him the possibility of probing to the religious depth of scripture while using a scrupulously exact, and even exacting scholarship.

But he was not only a scholar. He was a not unimportant ecumenical figure. He was able to learn about Church unity during his contacts with the United Church of Canada. He was appointed as one of the Congregationalist observers to Vatican II, where he was quickly recognized as an important contributor, especially on issues where the Bible was concerned.

He was also a not inconsiderable writer of hymns. His first hymn, published in Congregational Praise in 1951 quickly found its way into other modern collections; he continued his rich contemporary contribution with further hymns in New Church Praise in 1975.

His published works include more theological (The Truth of the Gospel; Principalities and Powers) as well as more exegetical works. His commentaries on Luke and the book of Revelation are important contributions to biblical exegesis. His experiences at Vatican II are recorded in Our Dialogue with Rome (1967). The Language and Imagery of the Bible appeared in 1980.

He was a frequent contributor to the Journal of Theological Studies, and made contributions to the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible and to Hastings Dictionary of the Bible.

He was married to Viola Mary Newport in 1945 and shared with his wife the pleasures of bird-watching. They were both lovers of the lakeland fells, and well-known visitors to the Wasdale Valley.

MABEL MERCER

Mabel Mercer who died on April 20 in hospital at Pittsfield Massachusets, was a cabaret singer whose style had an immense influence on a whole generation of American vocalists

She was born in Britain at Burton-on-Trent, her father a black American jazz musician and her mother a British variety actress. She went to school in Manchester and toured in a family act before meeting an American singer called Bricktop who ran a cabaret of that name in the Rue Pigalle in Paris.

She joined Bricktop in 1931 and from then until 1938 was one of the principal features at the Rue Pigalle in the Parisian ethos of Hemingway, Gertrude Stein and Scott Fitzgerald who frequently came to hear her sing.

At the outbreak of war however she went via the Bahamas to the United States which she made her home. There from 1941 she built up an immense reputation in Manhattan supper clubs and eventually became an American citizen through her marriage to the jazz musician Kelsey Pharr.

Many songs were created for her including "The End of a Love Affair", "While We're Young" and "Fly Me To The Moon", though the last actually had to wait for Frank Sinatra to sing it before it became a popular hit. But Miss Mercer also brought many extant songs to popularity, notably perhaps, "The Twelve Days Of Christmas" an old carol which had fallen from notice until she recorded it on her album "Once in a Blue Moon".

Mabel Mercer was admired by many of her contemporaries, among them such figures as Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and Nat King Cole for a style and interpretive skills which often succeeded in adding an extra dimension of depth of feeling to the show tunes she sang.

Her voice, which had been a species of soprano deepened as her career went on, but it was not the delivery which was the main ingredient of her performance – Alec Wilder described that as a 'graceful parlando' – but her ability to bring to a song the qualities of a narrative.

MARCEL JANCO

Marcel Janco, the painter, who died on April 21 near Tel Aviv at the age of 89, was one of the founders of the Dada movement in Switzerland.

Janco was born in Bucharest in 1895 and trained as an architect in Rumania before going to Switzerland in 1916 where he joined the Cabaret Voltaire in Zurich then just founded by Hugo Ball, and the early meeting place of the Dadaists.

Until 1921 he was closely associated with the movement and designed sets, posters and a number of impressive, grotesque abstract masks for the Cabaret. His other contributions to the output of the movement were his abstract wood and plaster reliefs which in their conception reflected his early architectural training. He also painted abstract illustrations for issues of Dada.

When the Zurich Dada group dissolved Janco returned to Rumania and his architectural practice but he continued to be in touch with avant garde trends and edited the Rumanian art magazine Contimporanul.

In 1940 he emigrated to Palestine which he made his home and assumed a leading position in the Jewish community as a modern painter and teacher. He founded Ein Hod, an artists' cooperative community, and oversaw its construction, carried out by its population of sculptors, painters and potters under his guidance, after the war of 1948.

DR ALFRED ZAUBERMAN

Dr Alfred Zauberman who died on April 17, aged 80, was a Polish economist who had lived and worked in this country since 1941.

He was born in Lodz on April 21, 1903. He received his doctorate in Law and Economics in Cracow in 1928. After the Germans and Russians occupied Poland in 1939 he escaped to Japan from where he reached Britain.

He became an official in the Polish government in exile and after the war resumed his special interest in East European and Soviet economic affairs. He worked for a time at the BBC central European research and afterwards became a Reader at the London School of Economics where he taught for many years in the Department of Economics.

After his retirement in 1970 he continued his lectures and seminars and was a visiting professor at various universities in Europe and America.

He wrote a number of important papers and books on industrial development and planning theory and practice in the countries of Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union. These included: Industrial Progress in Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany (1964); Aspects of Planimetrics (1967); Studies in Games Theory and Mathematical Economics (1975); Mathematical Revolution in Soviet Economics (1975); Mathematical Theory in Soviet Planning (1976); and Topics in Trade Coordination in a Planned Economy (1980).

Señor Otto Arosemena Gomez, who died in Salinas, Ecuador, on April 20 at the age of 59 was President of Ecuador from 1966 to 1968. Arosemena, a lawyer by profession was named provisional president by a constituent assembly in 1966 in the aftermath of a period of government by military junta and was succeeded two years later by Señor Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra after general elections in the country.

EASTER CHARITIES

The competitive business of giving charity

By Kenneth Gosling

Charities begin at 14 Ryder Street, St James's, London, only a short distance from the scene of recent dramatic events.

The building houses the headquarters of the Charity Commission and not far from it, in the Haymarket, can be found the Central Register of Charities, the maintenance of which is one of the commission's two functions – the other being the promotion of the effective use of charitable monies.

There are abut 145,000 registered charities, ranging from the very small, some dating back to 1500, to those with a turnover of millions of pounds.

The commission's 1982 report showed 143,000 charities, with about 4,000 being added last year. A member fell by the wayside, giving the current net figure.

The commission cannot put a finger on the exact amount of money raised by charity but a recent figure for turnover of £5,000m would not be much short of the mark.

So how does any group set about gaining charity status with all the fiscal benefits that this step confers?

"If you are already in being, we ask to see a copy of your governing instrument", a commission official told me. "That is to say, what you do and how you are doing it. We look to see whether the objects are exclusively charitable; then we send an application form, you fill it in and we put you on the register."

The determination of the phrase "exclusively charitable" is based on decisions from case law handed down over the centuries; and the only definition is contained in the preamble to a Statute of 1601.

There are several main headings. One is the advancement of religion, another the relief of poverty, a third the advancement of education.

Then there is an extremely wide provision that takes in the ben fit of the pubic and extends to gardens that are open to the public.

There are also funds, such as the Aberfan disaster appeal, that are set up and dismantled when their work is done.

But the biggest change the commission has seen in recent years has been developments in charities that help people in distress and those that aid the dramatic advances in medical research.

"Things like victim support schemes and the plight of latchkey children, for example", the official said. "Twenty years ago little was heard about cancer – now very much is heard about the different manifestions of the disease; it is an ever widening field."

An example of a charity that is going all out this year, its centenary year, to raise a really large amount of money, is the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The NSPCC regularly raises £8m a year for its work but over the past few years has been drawing on its reserves. In order not to cut back on its services last year it had to take eight per cent of expenditure from reserves.

It hopes to get back on a firm financial footing by raising an extra £12m this year.

The society already has a network of thousands of local fund-raising committees which provide 40 per cent of its income. It is preparing to set up a web of committees for which it is appealing to industry and trusts.

"We are going to put together a number of child protection teams," the NSPCC said. The first should be in existence by the end of the year.

Local authorities will play an important part, the society hopes, because some of the work they now do will be taken from their shoulders. The society has 200 inspectors who go around the country as best they can. But they have had to be cut back, through natural wastage.

What is sadly lacking, the society says, is a national child abuse register.

It spends three quarters of its money on services to children and now does far more long-term work with families. The days of the uniformed inspector, a grimly authoritarian figure, are gone; and now it has to deal with the distraught parent who says: "Unless I get some help I'm going to hit my kid."

It is, in fact, very much a case of referrals being down but only because there is less coverage by people on the ground. The society says that 43,000 children were dealt with last year, the tip of the iceberg.

"There are umpteen thousands we never hear about," the society says. "Nor is it all just physical abuse of children; a great deal is psychological."

So the appeal to the public's pocket goes on into the forseeable future with more and more moves afoot to cut administration costs by gathering numbers of individual charities under a single umbrella body like the National Council for Voluntary Organizations, now representing 500 groups.

Charities are having to devise new tactics in what has become a tough and highly competitive business.

CANOEING

Agony addicts forever saying 'never again'

By Simon Barnes

They showed no pleasure as they finished on the bank opposite the Houses of Parliament. They all appeared lost in some private region of agony, eyes remote, hands blistered white and bloodless, weaving from side to side as they mounted the steps. And every one of them saying the same words: "Never again".

"I know I said that last year", said Mary Garrett, dripping wet, with hands apparently growing webs. "But this time I really mean it." But on the other hand, she and Sheila Byrne ("I feel absolutely awful") didn't finish in under 20 hours as they had hoped. Sure, they smashed the women's record (their own) by a full hour, but they felt their time of 20hr 46min 5sec could be improved.

The event is the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race, and it makes your marathom run look like an event for sissies. This is 125 miles in twin-seater canoes down through canals, on to the Thames, and finishing opposite Big Ben. The record is 15hr 34min, but the worse a paddler you are, the longer the cold wet, dark agony goes on.

"I didn't think I'd feel this bad," said Ian Jones, who had failed by 20 minutes to beat his target of 24 hours. The last stretch almost finished him. "I thought I'd have to give up. Got no skin over my ribs. Never again." Indeed, a number of crack paddlers did give up, the fine weather tempting them to go too quickly too soon.

"Every year you say never again," said Alan Heath, who had finished in second place, behind Cornish and Viljown.

"The first time it's a challenge to complete the run. You don't even consider doing it twice. Then, around Christmas, you say to yourself, the old 'D-W' is coming up again ..."

This year the race attracted around 200 senior entries, including a pair of Hawaiian brothers, two crews of Belgian para-commandoes ("last two hours I do not like") and loads and loads of insane Englishmen. The participants agree that the event makes a nice change from the Arctic Race, which is about the same distance but most of it inside the Arctic Circle.

None of them is sure why they do it, only that it is a challenge, and never again. There is a pleasant lack of the half-baked mysticism that surrounds (some) narathon men. The exhaustion at the end is total; many need lifting from their boats, many run jauntily up the steps from the water and fall over at the top.

Over at the competitors' refreshment place, where the canoeists gather after shameless enjoyment of warm showers and dry towels, to drink tea and champagne and eat massive platefuls of beans, you can discern an atmosphere of lazy euphoria: us lot did it. You lot didn't. As the pain ebbs, the pleasure bit comes through.

Results: 1, T Cornish, G Viljoen 17 hr 22 min 22 sec; 2, P Robertshaw, A Heath 17:58:10; 3, R Price, M Lund 18:21:44.

County cricket prospects

A Somerset shadow side

By Richard Streeton

Somerset's membership continues to boom but this could be a difficult summer for them on the field. Garner and Richards will be touring with West Indies and Botham, and possibly Marks will be absent for long periods with England. Martin Crowe, the New Zealand all-rounder, has been signed for the unenviable job of replacing the two West Indians and some young players on the staff have the chance to show their worth.

Botham, in his benefit year, and as official captain for the first time, has enough on his plate to whet the appetite in the way he likes. Somerset whose lesser lights tend to be overshadowed, have such experience of the momentum and success required for limited-overs cricket that it might be rash to discount them completely this year. It would, however, be unrealistic to expect a proper championship challenge from the team until 1985.

Provided Rose's optimism about his spinal problem is correct, Somerset have a reliable batting nucleus. Roebuck, who leads the side when Botham and Marks are away, Lloyds, Popplewell and Denning are established men; Wyatt, Felton and Ollis knocked hard at the door in 1983.

A real bonus would be for Wilson to avoid injury and act regularly as an attacking spearhead. Botham, Palmer and Davis will be others vying for the new ball, with the reliable Dredge in support, Andrew Jones, a young fast bowler from Hampshire, recommended by Roy Marshall, has been signed; Mosley's contract will be renewed if he proves his recovery from a shoulder injury.

Joining Marks and Lloyds, the off-spinners, will be Stephen Booth, a left-arm slow bowler, born in Yorkshire and a graduate of the Lord's ground staff. Booth is small but flights the ball promisingly and has already invoked comparisons with Horace Hazell.

Crowe: unenviable task

1983 RECORD: County championship: 10th; NatWest Bank trophy: winners; Benson & Hedges Cup: Failed to qualify for Q–F; John Player League: 2nd.

PLAYING STAFF: I T Botham (captain), S Booth, M D Crowe, M R Davis, P W Denning, C H Dredge, N Felton, T Gard, J Garner, A Jones, J W Lloyds, V J Marks, H R Moseley, R Ollis, G V Palmer, N F M Popplewell, I V A Richards, P M Roebuck, B C Rose, P A Slocombe, P H L'E Wilson and J Wyatt.

● *Tomorrow: Surrey.*

FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

First division

Arsenal	3	Tottenham H	2
Aston Villa	2	Watford	1
Liverpool	3	West Bromwich	0
Luton T	3	Notts Cty	2
Manchester Utd	4	Coventry C	1
Norwich C	2	Stoke C	2
Nottingham F	5	Birmingham C	1
QPR	2	Leicester C	0
Southampton	2	West Ham	0
Sunderland	2	Everton	1
Wolverhampton W	0	Ipswich T	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	37	21	10	6	65	29	73
Manchester Utd	37	20	11	6	68	35	71
Nottingham F	37	19	7	11	66	41	64
QPR	37	19	6	12	58	31	63
Southampton	35	18	8	9	46	33	62
West Ham	37	17	7	13	56	48	58
Tottenham H	38	16	9	13	60	57	57
Arsenal	37	16	7	14	64	52	55
Aston Villa	38	15	9	14	54	58	54
Luton T	38	14	8	16	50	58	50
Watford	37	14	7	16	62	69	49
Norwich C	38	12	12	12	44	40	48
Leicester C	38	12	12	14	62	62	48
Everton	36	12	12	12	34	39	48
Coventry C	38	12	10	16	51	61	46
Sunderland	37	11	12	14	37	48	45
Birmingham C	37	12	8	17	38	46	44
West Bromwich	36	12	7	17	40	55	43
Stoke C	37	11	9	17	37	60	42
Ipswich T	37	11	7	19	46	53	40
Notts Cty	36	9	9	18	44	63	36
Wolverhampton W	36	5	9	22	26	70	24

Second division

Brighton	3	Crystal Palace	1
Cambridge Utd	0	Barnsley	3
Charlton A	2	Portsmouth	1
Chelsea	3	Shrewsbury T	0
Derby Cty	1	Fulham	0
Huddersfield T	2	Leeds Utd	2
Sheffield Wed	1	Grimsby T	0
Swansea C	3	Cardiff C	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	36	23	9	4	67	30	78
Chelsea	37	21	12	4	77	37	75
Newcastle Utd	37	21	7	9	71	48	70
Manchester C	37	19	9	9	59	42	66
Grimsby T	37	18	11	8	55	41	65
Carlisle Utd	37	16	14	7	43	28	62
Blackburn R	37	16	14	7	52	41	62
Charlton A	37	16	9	12	48	52	57
Brighton	37	15	8	14	61	52	53
Leeds Utd	37	13	11	13	47	49	50
Shrewsbury T	37	13	10	14	38	49	49
Barnsley	37	14	6	17	54	47	48
Huddersfield T	36	12	12	12	46	43	48
Cardiff C	37	14	4	19	49	57	46
Portsmouth	37	13	5	19	63	56	44
Fulham	37	10	12	15	48	49	42
Middlesbrough	37	10	12	15	37	42	42
Crystal Palace	37	10	10	17	36	47	40
Oldham Ath	37	10	8	19	41	65	38
Derby Cty	37	9	9	19	33	64	36
Swansea C	37	6	7	24	32	73	25
Cambridge Utd	37	2	11	24	26	71	17

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet 0, Kidderminster 2; Bath 4, Boston United 2; Dagenham 0, Runcorn 2; Enfield 3, Telford 1; Frickley 1, Weymouth 2; Kettering 1, Bangor 3; Nuneaton 3, Scarborough 0; Wealdstone 4, Gateshead 0; Yeovil 1, Altrincham 2; Northwich 1, Maidstone 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United 0, Millwall 2; Norwich 5, Arsenal 1; QPR 1, Gillingham 3. Second division: Reading 4, Brighton 4; Brentford 1, West Ham 6.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton 3, Matlock 0; Buxton 1, Grantham 0; Hyde 0, Barrow 0; Marine 0, Oswestry 1; Morecambe 1, Southport 2; Rhyl 1, Goole 0; South Liverpool 2, Gainsborough 1; Stafford 3, Horwich 1; Witton 2, Workington 1; Worksop 1, Macclesfield 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Wokingham 1; Bishop's Stortford 2, Sutton United 0; Croydon 0, Wycombe 1; Hendon 1, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Hitchin 3, Carshalton 2; Leytonstone and Ilford 2, Bognor Regis 4; Slough 2, Harlow 2; Worthing 3, Walthamstow 2. First Division: Chesham 1, Woking 2; Clapton 2, Leatherhead 1; Hertford 1, Lewes 2; Maidenhead United 4, Cheshunt 1; Metropolitan Police 2, Hornchurch 1; Tilbury 6, Oxford City 1; Wembley 1, Epsom and Ewell 1; Walton and Hersham 0, Boreham Wood 3; Second division: Barton 2, Basildon 4; Egham 2, Leyton Wingate 1; Finchley 0, Horsham 1; Hemel Hempstead 2, Epping 2; Hungerford 0, Southall 1; Molesey 3, Rainham 2; St Albans 4, Newbury 1; Tring 1, Uxbridge 1.

Third division

Bolton W	0	Wigan Ath	1
Bradford C	2	Burnley	1
Bristol R	1	Oxford Utd	1
Exeter C	1	Plymouth Argyle	1
Newport Cty	2	Bournemouth	1
Orient	5	Millwall	3
Port Vale	1	Preston	1
Rotherham Utd	0	Sheffield Utd	1
Scunthorpe Utd	2	Hull C	0
Walsall	0	Lincoln C	1
Wimbledon	2	Brentford	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford Utd	41	26	8	7	84	45	86
Wimbledon	41	23	8	10	90	71	77
Sheffield Utd	41	21	11	9	78	47	74
Hull C	40	20	13	7	61	33	73
Bristol R	41	18	12	11	59	50	66
Walsall	41	19	8	14	59	56	65
Bolton W	42	17	10	15	52	53	61
Bradford C	38	17	9	12	67	55	60
Gillingham	40	17	9	14	63	60	60
Newport Cty	40	16	12	12	54	63	60
Burnley	40	15	14	11	71	46	59
Millwall	39	15	12	12	61	58	57
Wigan Ath	41	15	12	14	44	48	57
Orient	40	16	9	15	60	67	57
Lincoln C	40	15	9	16	52	54	54
Preston	41	13	11	17	60	59	50
Brentford	42	10	13	19	63	76	43
Bournemouth	41	12	6	23	52	69	42
Plymouth Argyle	40	10	11	19	45	56	41
Rotherham Utd	39	10	9	20	43	55	39
Scunthorpe Utd	39	7	18	14	46	63	39
Southend Utd	40	8	13	19	48	69	37
Port Vale	40	9	9	22	43	73	36
Exeter C	41	5	14	22	47	76	29

Fourth division

Blackpool	0	Tranmere R	1
Chester	1	Wrexham	0
Chesterfield	0	Mansfield T	0
Colchester Utd	1	Peterborough Utd	1
Crewe Alex	1	Hereford Utd	1
Darlington	2	Hartlepool	0
Northampton T	1	Doncaster R	4
Reading	1	Aldershot	0
Rochdale	0	Bury	2
Stockport Cty	0	Bristol C	0
Swindon T	2	Torquay Utd	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York C	41	27	8	6	88	37	89
Bristol C	43	22	9	12	68	42	75
Doncaster R	39	20	13	6	71	47	73
Reading	40	20	12	8	73	47	72
Aldershot	40	19	8	13	63	60	65
Blackpool	40	18	9	13	58	43	63
Tranmere R	40	16	14	10	49	41	62
Peterborough Utd	41	16	13	12	62	40	61
Colchester Utd	40	14	16	10	57	41	58
Torquay Utd	40	15	12	13	52	57	57
Hereford Utd	41	14	14	13	48	45	56
Chesterfield	41	14	14	13	52	51	56
Stockport Cty	40	15	11	14	54	58	56
Crewe Alex	41	15	10	16	50	59	55
Swindon T	42	14	12	16	54	52	54
Bury	40	13	13	14	55	54	52
Northampton T	42	12	13	17	47	65	49
Darlington	39	14	5	20	37	41	47
Mansfield T	41	10	12	19	58	65	42
Rochdale	42	9	13	20	48	71	40
Wrexham	40	9	12	19	44	63	39
Halifax T	41	9	12	20	42	80	39
Hartlepool	42	9	9	24	42	78	36
Chester	40	6	12	22	40	73	30

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 5, Gosport 0; AP Leamington 1, Folkestone 1; Gloucester 5, Bedworth 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Welling 0; Hastings 2, Corby 1; Stourbridge 3, Cheltenham 5; Sutton Coldfield 3, Chelmsford 1. Midland division: Aylesbury 1, Dudley 1; Banbury 1, Bromsgrove 2; Bridgwater 0, Bridgnorth 1; Coventry Sporting 1, Rushden 0; Leicester United 2, Moor Green 5; Merthyr Tydfil 1, Willenhall 1; Oldbury 0, Forest Green 0; Redditch 3, Milton Keynes 0; Tamworth 2, Shepshed Charterhouse 3; Wellingborough 2, VS Rugby 2. Southern division: Ashford 1, Addlestone and Weybridge 2; Basingstoke 1, Hillingdon 0; Cambridge City 2, Tonbridge 2; Crawley 1, Dunstable 1; Dover 1, RS Southampton 3; Erith and Belvedere 3, Chatham 1; Hounslow 0, Andover 1; Salisbury 0, Poole 1; Thanet 1, Waterville 2; Woodford 1, Canterbury 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Shildon 0, Blyth Spartans 3; Evenwood 1, North Shields 5; Crook 0, Consett 2; Gretna 0, Whitby 2.

Scottish premier division

Dundee Utd	1	Dundee	1
Hibernian	0	Hearts	0
Motherwell	1	St Mirren	0
Rangers	1	Celtic	0
St Johnst'n	0	Aberdeen	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	29	22	4	3	71	15	48
Celtic	32	19	6	7	72	37	44
Dundee Utd	29	16	7	6	55	31	39
Rangers	30	14	7	9	46	35	35
Hearts	31	9	13	9	33	42	31
Hibernian	33	12	5	16	41	50	29
St Mirren	32	8	12	12	49	52	28
Dundee	31	10	3	18	45	67	23
St Johnst'n	32	9	2	21	31	75	20
Motherwell	33	4	7	22	29	68	15

Scottish first division

Airdrie	1	Partick	0
Alloa	2	Raith	0
Ayr	1	Hamilton	1
Brechin	0	Dumbarton	3
Clyde	2	K'marnock	1
Clydebank	1	Meadwbnk	1
Falkirk	6	Morton	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	36	19	11	6	69	43	49
Dumbarton	36	19	10	7	60	38	48
Partick	35	18	6	12	63	47	42
Clydebank	36	16	10	10	58	46	42
Brechin	36	14	12	10	53	49	40
Falkirk	36	15	6	15	43	50	36
Clyde	36	11	12	13	50	47	34
K'marnock	36	14	6	16	50	50	34
Airdrie	36	12	9	15	40	49	33
Hamilton	36	9	14	13	39	44	32
Meadwbnk	36	11	10	15	46	62	32
Ayr	36	9	12	15	52	65	30
Raith	36	8	11	17	45	59	27
Alloa	36	8	9	19	41	59	25

Scottish second division

Albion	1	Stenhousemuir	1
Arbroath	6	Queen of South	3
Dunfermline	0	East Fife	1
Forfar	4	East Stirling	3
Montrose	0	Stirling	0
Queen's Park	1	Berwick	1
Stranraer	1	Cowdenbeath	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	36	24	9	3	66	30	57
East Fife	36	17	7	12	51	41	41
Queen of South	36	16	9	11	50	40	41
Stirling	36	13	14	9	47	37	40
Arbroath	36	17	6	13	50	44	40
Berwick	36	14	11	11	51	35	39
Stenhousemuir	36	13	11	12	43	47	37
Stranraer	36	13	10	13	44	43	36
Dunfermline	36	12	10	14	38	41	34
Queen's Park	36	12	8	16	52	58	32
Montrose	36	11	7	18	34	55	29
East Stirling	36	9	10	17	45	60	28
Cowdenbeath	36	8	9	19	38	53	25
Albion	36	7	11	18	45	70	25

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Hoddesdon 0, Redhill 8; Harwich and Parkeston 5, Fleet 0; Marlow 0, Whyteleafe 1; Banstead 3, Haringey 1; Camberley 2, Wolverton 3; Ruislip 3, Berkhamstead 1.

IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Cliftonville 2; Carrick 3, Coleraine 0; Crusaders 0, Ards 0; Glenavon 1, Distillery 1; Glentoran 2, Portadown 0; Larne 0, Ballymena 1; Linfield 3, Newry 0.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 3, Liskeard 0; Bideford 2, Chippenham 2; Dawlish, Devizes 0; Exmouth 2 Frome 1; Melksham 1, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Saltash 1, Clevedon 4; Weston Super Mare 4, Minehead 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich 0, Arsenal 1; West Ham 0, Southampton 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 1, Appleby Frodingham 1; Eastwood 0, Guiseley 2; Emley 2, Spalding 1; Guisborough 3, Alfreton 1; Heanor 2, Winterton 1; Mexborough 3, Bentley Vict. 3; Sutton Town 2, Bridlington 1; Thackley 1, Belper 3; Cup: semi-final: Boston 0, Ilkeston 5.

Olympic qualifying match: European group B: Poland 0, Denmark 0.

NORTH WEST COUTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stanley, Prescot Cables 1; Congleton 2, Leyland Motors 3; Formby 2, Darwen 1; Glossop 0, St Helens 5; Lancaster 4, Leek 2; Netherfield 0, Ashton 2; Penrith 0, Bootle 0; Radcliffe 3, Caernarfon 2; Stalybridge 2, Curzon Ashton 1; Winsford 0, Burscough 5.

GOLF

Faldo his own biggest rival in efforts to break through

By a Special Correspondent

The problem facing Nick Faldo during the final round of the Sea Pines Heritage Classic yesterday was the knowledge that his biggest rival was himself.

With little regard for the Americans pursuing him, Faldo put together an enterprising third round of 68 at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to forge four strokes clear with a 54 hole score of 201, 12 under par. In Europe that would be enough for observers to start proclaiming Faldo a winner, but in the United States he had shown such vulnerability in the previous two weeks that there was a question to be answered.

In the Masters at Augusta last Sunday he went into the final round only two strokes behind. But he took 40 to reach the turn and displayed a lack of aggression unfamiliar to his game. The previous week, when the prospect of success in the Greensboro Open presented itself, he took a seven at the fifth in the last round to lose contact with the leaders.

Another 68 would give Faldo the tournament record of 269, but he said: "I don't care to think about records until it's all over. The important thing is for me to try and win. But the 68 is a good target score."

Tom Watson set the record of 270 in 1979. Another Heritage record was equalled when Denis Watson, of South Africa, had a 63 to equal the score posted by Jack Nicklaus in 1975.

Without a doubt the Faldo has provided sufficient evidence on the US tour that he is capable of breaking through. What he had to prove yesterday, as he fought to keep Tom Kite, Dan Pohl and Larry Rinker at arm's length, was that he has learned how to cope with the pressure. The three Americans are in joint second place.

It is rare for a British player to succeed in America, where only Tony Jacklin and Peter Oosterhuis have won in modern times. Oosterhuis and Sandy Lyle completed the Sea Pines tournament but Ken Brown failed to survive the halfway cut.

SCORES: 201: N Faldo (GB), 66, 67, 68. 205: T Kite, 68, 67, 70; D Pohl, 69, 67, 69; L Rinker, 67, 70, 68. 207: T Watson, 68, 70, 69; H Green, 69, 70, 68; R Black, 69, 67, 71. 208: J Zoeller, 68, 71, 69; H Sutton, 69, 70, 69; G Morgan, 64, 73, 71; C Beck, 72, 68, 68; D Hammond, 70, 72, 66. 210: C Peete, 70, 69, 71; D Watson (SA), 74, 73, 63; J Mahaffey, 72, 69, 69. Other foreign players: 212: N Price (SA), 68, 71, 73. 213: G Norman (Aus), 73, 69, 71. 217: P Oosterhuis (GB), 70, 74, 73. 219: A Lyle (GB), 73, 69, 77. 220: R Shearer (Aus), 74, 72, 74.

McEvoy victorious

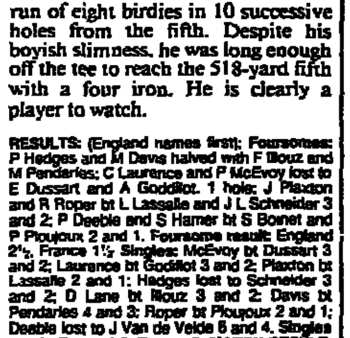
By John Hennessy

Peter McEvoy, twice national amateur champion, maintained his remarkable record for England in the match against France at Frilford Heath on Saturday. He outplayed Laurent Lassalle, the French match-play champion, by four and three, to bring his tally to 34 wins out of 35 matches. Only Ronan Rafferty, of Northern Ireland, has succeeded in lowering his colours. England won the match by 16 points to eight.

For all McEvoy's achievements it was a little known Frenchman who stole the show on Saturday. Jean Van de Velde, playing for the first time in the match, overwhelmed the experienced Peter Deeble by six and four, the widest margin of victory over the two days.

After a nervous start which caused him to drop two shots at the second hole, Van de Velde, only 17, took command of the match with a run of eight birdies in 10 successive holes from the fifth. Despite his boyish slimness, he was long enough off the tee to reach the 518-yard fifth with a four iron. He is clearly a player to watch.

RESULTS (England names first): Foursomes: P Hedges and M Dewe halved with F Bouz and M Pendaries; C Laurence and P McEvoy lost to E Dussart and A Godillot, 1 hole; J Plaxton and R Roper bt L Lassalle and J L Schneider 3 and 2; P Deeble and S Harner bt S Bonnet and P Ploujoux 2 and 1. Foursomes result: England 2½, France 1½. Singles: McEvoy bt Lassalle 4 and 3; Laurence bt Godillot 3 and 2; Plaxton bt Dussart 3 and 2; Hedges lost to Schneider 3 and 2; D Lane bt Bouz 3 and 2; Davis bt Pendaries 4 and 3; Roper bt Ploujoux 2 and 1; Deeble lost to J Van de Velde 6 and 4. Singles result: England 6, France 2. MATCH RESULT: England 16, France 8.



ATHLETICS

Miss Budd against the clock again

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd will run in a specially arranged women's 1,500 metres race at Crystal Palace on Wednesday evening in order to get a qualifying time for next month's United Kingdom championships in Cwmbran. The race, which will be held during the men's match between the Southern Counties and Loughborough Students, has been set up by British officials to replace the one she would have run last Saturday at the opening of Crawley's new track, but the local council objected to Miss Budd's participation in the wake of the accelerated acquisition of British citizenship.

Miss Budd will not, unfortunately, have any more opposition in this race than she did in her first race in Britain at Dartford nine days ago. Miss Budd ran in spikes at Dartford because of the poor track surface but, on the spongy synthetic surface at Crystal Palace, she will probably run in bare feet.

Miss Budd is on the verge of several British records, from 800 metres to 5,000 metres, the distance at which she has already bettered Mary Decker's official world record. But that time will go unratified because Miss Budd was then South African and the country is not recognized by the International Amateur Athletics Federation because of its apartheid policies.

It is unlikely that Miss Budd will accept the invitation to race over a mile against Miss Decker in Los Angeles next month, as has been reported in the United States.

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Coe: narrowly beaten

Coe settles for second

Sebastian Coe, just, and David Moorcroft, by a fair margin, were beaten to the fastest times of the day in the National 12-stage road relay, won by Tipton Harriers, at Sutton Park, Birmingham, on Saturday (Pat Butcher writes).

A hot day and swirling wind combined to keep times down, but Richard Partridge, of Birchfield recorded 25min 27sec for the 5.6 miles lap, with Barry Smith and Geoff Turnbull of Gateshead, Steve Kenyon, of Salford, and Tony Milovsorov, of Tipton, also in front of Moorcroft, who ran 25:45 for the Coventry club.

Martin O'Reilly of Highgate Harriers, the north London neighbours of Coe's club, Haringey, beat the Olympic 1,500 metres champion's time for the 3.1 mile lap by one second with 13:59.

RESULTS: 1, Tipton Harriers, 4hr 4min 43sec; 2, Gateshead, 4:6.38; 3, Birchfield, 4:7.45. Fastest 3.1 mile stage: M O'Reilly (Highgate), 13min 59sec. Fastest 5.6 mile lap: R Partridge (Birchfield), 25:27.

RUGBY UNION: WINS FOR WELSH CUP FINALISTS



Up-and-under: Cuthbertson is helpless as Phillips, of Cardiff, scores his second try (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

End of season attractions take kick out of Barbarians tour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Cardiff ... 52
Barbarians ... 16

It was not a pretty sight last season when Swansea scored 58 points against the Barbarians; it was no prettier at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday when Cardiff, scoring six goals and four tries against two goals and a try, recorded their biggest total against their famous visitors but in doing so called into question yet again the validity of the Barbarians' Easter tour.

Traditional fixtures at other times can still be justified, but the counter-attractions at the season's end are strong. Given the choice between a long weekend in Bermuda and a rigorous outing to Wales which would you go for? It is a long season for leading players. In Ireland there were two provincial cup finals, in France the semi-finals of the club championships while Scotland, bless their hearts, had Easter Sunday squad training for those going to Romania.

The Scottish contingent among the Barbarians therefore left for home on Saturday evening though one of them, Baird, would not have been able to train. The Kelso left wing, who looked the most penetrative of the Barbarians' backs, damaged his right shoulder and may be considered doubtful for the three-match tour of Romania starting on May 11.

The match was effectively over as a contest by half time when Cardiff led 22-0 and were then able to treat the second half as practice for next Saturday's Welsh Cup final. The Barbarians would doubtless have loved to demonstrate to a sun-stroked crowd their open style but they had so little ball; when they did win it, the passing in mid-field was fallible and after half an hour they *lost the inventive Bowen with an* ankle injury which has been nagging at him for some weeks.

It was the uncapped players who kept going in the Barbarians' ranks, notably Jeffrey Harding and Rees. Otherwise we sat back and admired the athleticism of Norster, the tank-like Golding and Crothers, the friskiness of the Cardiff front row, which indicated that they were none too stretched at the set pieces. Then there was Holmes, Cardiff's captain-elect who was wellpoliced by Jeffrey.

Never before have so many points been scored in this fixture, the hundredth official meeting and Cardiff's sixty-third win. Donovan's try – his club's second – was a splendidly simple affair while Smith, like some latter-day Obolensky, meandered his way from right to left for a deserved Barbarians try.

SCORERS: Cardiff Tries: Cordle (2), Phillips 2, Holmes 2, Donovan, Golding, Davies, Crothers; Conversions: Davies (6).

Barbarians: Tries: Smith, Salmon, Squire. Conversions: Stringer (2).

CARDIFF: P Rees; G Cordle, (rep. D Barry), A Donovan, M Ring, Hadley, G Davies, T Holmes, J Whitefoot, A Phillips, I Eidman, O Golding, K Edwards, R Norster, T Crothers, J Scott captain.

BARBARIANS: N Stringer (Wasps); S Smith (Wasps), J Salmon (Harlequins), D Johnston (Watsonians), R Baird (Kelso), (rep D Fitzgerald, Lansdowne), B Bowen (S Wales police), (rep. I George Northampton), R Harding (Bristol), M Priddey (Gloucester), H Harbison (Bective Rangers), I Milne (Heriot's FP), J Jeffrey (Kelso), W Cuthbertson (Harlequins captain) J Fidler (Gloucester), G Rees (Nottingham), J Squire (Pontypool).

Referee: K Parfitt (Port Talbot).

Waterloo show off good side

By Michael Stevenson

Waterloo ... 21
Wasps ... 4

Colin Fisher, the former Scotland hooker, today plays his last senior match before retirement. On Saturday, he helped Waterloo to a convincing victory over Wasps, by two goals, two penalties and a drop goal to a single try.

Victory in today's Merit Table encounter with Sheffield is crucial, as it will probably guarantee Waterloo a place in next season's national knockout competition.

They were missing seven regulars on Saturday and Waterloo three, but the quality of Waterloo's best rugby erased unhappy memories of their cup defeat by Preston Grasshoppers the previous weekend.

Wasp's, well-served by Davies's astute kicking and the emerging talent of Boyd in the centre, contributed more to an attractive contest than the scoreline might suggest, which in itself was a tribute to the excellence of Waterloo's tackling. Waterloo are an enigma: they can be stultifying negative, but at other times, their dedication to the 15-man game is real Champagne *stuff*.

In the first half, after which Waterloo led 12-4, Fletcher, their greatly talented young stand-off half, was in evidence, fast on the break and constructive in all he did. He opened the scoring with a drop goal that bounced off a post, then hoisted high to set up Whitehead's try, which Maurice Cotter converted. In between these scores, *Cotter had kicked a penalty for the* winners and Christy had fallen over the Waterloo line for Wasp's only points.

Shortly before half-time, Gallagher, perhaps Waterloo's most able forward, had gone off with a leg injury.

An early penalty in the second half, Cotter's second, virtually settled the issue, which may have accounted for the fact that the second half was not quite as entertaining as the first. The only other score was a try by Allott following a slick switch between Tickle and Cotter on the right wing.

SCORERS: Waterloo: Tries: Whitehead, Allott. Conversions: Cotter (2). Penalties: Cotter (2). *Drop goal: Fletcher. Wasps: Try: Christy.*

WATERLOO: J Tickle; Maurice Cotter, J Whitehead, I Gibbins, C King, M Fletcher, D Carfoot; M Connor, C Fisher, S Peters, N Allott, D Reed, N Wilkinson, J Bartlett, S Gallagher.

WASPS: K Titcombe; Martin Cotter, M Boyd, R Sumner, P Kamara; H Davies, J Cullen; M Brooks, A Simmons, A Ischel, K Moss, J Hames, J Bonner, P Christy, C Pinnegar.

Referee: G Feest (Eastern Counties).

Saracens fail again

By Gordon Allan

Saracens ... 9
Middlesbrough ... 15

An old Saracens hand said his team's display at Southgate on Saturday was their worst of the season. It was their seventh consecutive defeat, Middlesbrough winning by a goal and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty.

The lovely weather was enough to send your thoughts to the beach. Come to think of it, everyone would have been better off at Bognor, picking up sea shells instead of putting down passes, and floating in the brine in preference to being knocked around on the hard dusty pitch.

Middlesbrough were not much better than Saracens, but there was a detectable cohesion about them here and there, and they held a higher proportion of their passes, which *was not difficult. Saracens dropped* so many of their own, or threw them to the opposition, that you wondered how they would have fared on a cold, wet afternoon.

It is 20 years since I saw a match with a 0-0 result, but for nearly the whole of the first half this seemed to have all the makings of one. Play rumbled and stumbled from kick to scrum to ruck to crash-ball to lineout to crash-ball to scrum to kick – to anything except a score. Then Wood put me out of my misery by kicking a penalty for Middlesbrough.

The second half was a carnival by comparison. Holmes equalized with a penalty. Wood kicked another. Writht, at a scrum close in, gave Grainger the ball to score Middlesbrough's try, converted by Wood. In injury time Catchpole's try from an adroit tap penalty move and Holmes's conversion gave Saracens hope, which they had to abandon when Wood kicked his third penalty. Some of us had abandoned hope a good deal earlier.

SCORERS: Saracens: Try: Catchpole. Conversion: Holmes. Penalty: Holmes. Middlesbrough: Try: Granger. Conversion: Wood. Penalties: Wood (3).

SARACENS: S Hancock; S Foulger, K Douglas, C Babayode, S Miller; N Holmes, B Ahern; M Gantlemen, *P Messenger*, *C Wright*, P Sherriff, N Akhurst, A Jaszczak, D Catchpole, R Pilgrim (rep M Lord).

MIDDLESBROUGH: J Hutton; A Williams, N Grainger, J Hardy, M Latus; P Wood, M Wright; A Robinson, K Wilks, A Duff, S Brownless, T Jones, M Read, G Stephenson, J Chapman.

Referee: A Titheridge (London).

Welsh bask in success

By Peter Marson

English clubs on Easter tour in Wales over the weekend enjoyed *glorious weather and no success at* all.

Northampton were one of four visiting English clubs to supply key players to the barbarians, in their case Ian George. He was missed at Stradey on Saturday, where injuries saw Northampton finish a man short having used both replacements. Llanelli ran in 11 tries in winning 61-13.

Swansea prepared for today's meeting with the Barbarians by beating Harlequins 19-12

Moseley fell behind against Newport at Rodney Parade as Chris and Gwynfor Williams broke through to score two early tries which were converted by Parker.

Metcalfe retaliated for Moseley by moving purposefully into the line and sending Gooswin away for a try by the right corner flag. But Gwynfor Williams, playing in the black and amber shirt for the first time since leaving Cardiff, scored again and there were two tries for Mike Watkins, as Newport poured forward.

Omen is in Neath's favour but not their form

By Gerald Davies

Neath ... 28
Leicester ... 24

Since winning their way through to next weekend's Welsh Cup final, Neath had not, until Saturday, won a match out of the last four. The Jeremiahs with long memories were recalling Neath's last final appearance in 1972 when they lost all seven matches after the semi-final.

They lost the cup too. So a victory against Leicester by three goals, a try, one penalty and a dropped goal to three goals and two penalties will give a boost to the present team's morale.

But they will need to play better than this if they are to make any impact on Cardiff in Saturday's final. Instead of romping home to a comfortable victory, they allowed Leicester back into the game when they should have been put beyond the point of recall. The score does rather flatter Leicester, who though depleted, were still tenacious.

Dusty Hare made his usual invaluable contribution but starved of any useful possession. Leicester constructed little. They lost the ball on their put-in at the first three scrums, they lost the fourth too but then Gnojek picked up, ran wide and gave the ball to Jacob to hand on for Lyn Jones to score the first of his three tries. Harris converted.

Leicester lost the next two scrums as well, yet contrived with their first combined movement to score a marvellous try. Pell made the initial running, Smith took it on. And finally Williams with a stuttering *run found the gap between two* players to finish off the 60 metre movement. Hare converted.

Lyn Jones who is making quite an *impression in his first year out of* the youth team scored another try *before half-time and Hare kicked a* penalty for the visitors.

With Kieron and Lyn Jones scoring tries after the interval and Harris adding the extra points, Neath momentarily threatened to run away with it at 22-9. Yet Leicester suddenly found themselves in front following tries by Dexter, after a well constructed back row move, and Hall, after a kick and chase. Hare kicked both of these as well as another penalty.

A penalty by Harris, and with the very last kick of the match a dropped goal by Evans, temporarily at least cocked a snook at the doom watchers.

NEATH: N Harris, H Rees (capt), D Jacob, K Jones, S Powell, P Evans, C Gnojek, B Williams, M Richards, P Langford, T Waldron, *A Hopkins, S Dando, L Jones, P Pugh.*

LEICESTER: W H Hare, C Dexter, B P Hall, I Dodson, K Williams, R Pell, S Kenney, S Redfern, L Clifford, S Redfern, A Marriott, N *Gillingham, D Black*, I R Smith (capt), J Wells (replacement S Avent).

Referee: W Jones (WRU).

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker keeps Britain in hunt

From Jenny MacArthur
Gothenburg

Michael Whitaker, with Samir Mahmoud's 13-year-old mare, Red Flight, who is jumping better than ever, is lying equal third after Saturday's leg of the World Cup, sponsored by Volvo and the Dutch *Ministry of Agriculture. As only one* and a half points separate him from the new leader, Mario Deslauriers, aged 19, from Canada, the youngest rider here, the chances of a first British win in the six-year history of the cup are good.

However, less than the cost of one fence down separates the top four riders – Brazil's Nelson Pessoa is second and America's Leslie Burr *equal third – so none of them can* afford to make a mistake in this afternoon's third and final round.

The British riders staged a remarkable recovery in the second round, in which Deslauriers, hailed as Canada's new star, took first prize on the seven-year-old, long-striding Hanoverian, Aramis. Malcolm Pryahm on Towerlands Anglezarke, and John Whitaker, on Ryan's Son, finished second and third respectively.

Towerlands Anglezarke is jumping superbly and Pyrah is now lying comfortable in eighth place, but Whitaker, who finished well down the line after the first round, has only pulled up to 20th place. However, he will continue to ride Ryans Son in today's two-part final and so will have a good chance of improving his position.

Yesterday was a rest day for the World Cup horses but riders competed on their second horses. John Whitaker and the South African-bred San Salvador, aged nine, gained their second win of the meeting when they finished equal first in the opening *knockout. They* were unable to jump off against the American, Barney Ward, on Wimple, because San Salvador lamed himself crashing through the last fence in the penultimate round. Ward, a former professional *American footballer* who "came up the hard way", made the noble gesture of offering to share the first prize.

WORLD CUP: Second round: 1, *Aramis* (M Deslauriers, Can), 0 in 39.46; 2, Towerlands Anglezarke (m Pyrah, GB), 0 in 39.92; 3, Ryan's Son (J Whitaker, GB), 0 in 40.45

TENNIS

Sundstrom: in top form

Sundstrom races to victory

Monte Carlo (Reuter) – Unseeded Henrik Sundstrom recorded the finest tournament victory of his career yesterday when he overcame Mats Wilander, the holder, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 in an all-Swedish Monte Carlo Open final.

Sundstrom fully earned his title after sweeping aside the top three seeds – number one Ivan Lendl of *Czechoslovakia*, number three Jimmy Arias of the US and second-seeded Wilander.

Wilander gained the first break in the fifth game, an ominous development for an opponent twenty-fifth in the Association of *Tennis Professionals* rankings and widely expected to succumb to the man who headed the 1983 grand prix standings.

Sundstrom broke straight back and blazed his way through the rest of the set as he sought to dictate the game. He ripped through Wilander's first service to take the initiative again at the start of the second and swept 5-1 in front. Wilander, patient as ever, clawed back to 5-5, but Sundstrom kept his nerve, broke Wilander's service to go 6-5 up and served out for the set.

Sundstrom broke Wilander again at the start of the third, but failed to hold his own service.

The first five games of the decisive set went against serve, but Sundstrom at last held his service to go 4-2 in front and broke Wilander for the fifth successive time, the holder double-faulting as his title slipped away.

Wilander was poker-faced with head bowed as *Sundstrom served* towards the Mediterranean end of the court for the match. He went 30-0 up. Wilander came back to 30-30 but then netted to leave Sundstrom one point away from victory. Sundstrom's first serve went into the net, but the second was good and Wilander made his final mistake to concede the title.

SEMI-FINALS: H Sundstrom (Swe) bt J Arias (US) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; M Wilander (Swe) by Y Noah (Fr) 6-2, 6-3.

FINAL: H Sundstrom bt M Wilander 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Final: M Edmondson (Aus) and S Stewart (US) bt Wilander and J Gunnarsson (Swe) 6-1, 6-2.

Cole improves his case for LTA help

By Lewine Mair

Sean Cole, who defeated Michael Walker of Wales 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday to win the British junior hard court championship sponsored by Prudential at Wimbledon, made no secret of the fact that he would like more in the way of recognition from the Lawn Tennis Association.

After he reached the final of the junior covered courts championship in January, the 17-year-old Cole was given "one trip to Denmark and sundry invitations to practise with the 14 and under and 12 and under age groups at Bisham Abbey". But that, he said, was not exactly what he had in mind.

FINALS: Boys' singles: S Cole bt M Walker 6-3, 6-4; Girls' singles: S Mair bt J Louis 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; Boys' doubles: B Knapp and R Whichello bt Cole and J Goodall 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. Girls doubles: B Borneo and Miss Mair bt G Oakentull and C Pollard 6-4, 6-4.

IN BRIEF

Meo the first seed to go out

Tony Meo's hopes of his first major individual title were dashed yesterday when he became the first seed to fall in the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championships, sponsored by Embassy, at Sheffield.

Meo, aged 24, lost 10-5 to Silvino Francisco, a qualifier from South Africa. "It's always the same – I am just a loser," said Meo afterwards. "I lost 10-5 playing badly and still had chances to win four other games on the pink. I just don't understand it."

Meo, the No 15 seed, was full of praise for Francisco, aged 37, who next meets Ray Reardon, seeded No 2. Meo said: "I have never seen anyone pot so many good precious shots. He could beat anyone."

Terry Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, gave *Paul Mifsud*, of Malta, a painful lesson, and leads 6-1 in their first round match.

RACKETS: Graham Cowdrey the Kent cricketer, and Peter Brake, both aged 19, won the Under-24 doubles championships for the *Sutton Trophy at Queen's Club* yesterday when they defeated Jonathan Spurling and Christoper Worlidge, 18-14, 1-15, 15-3, 17-15, 15-11.

RUGBY UNION: John Gadd, the Gloucester flanker, makes his first appearance for the Barbarians in their game against Swansea at St Helens today.

HOCKEY: The showpiece of the Folkestone Festival ended all square yesterday, when Real Club de Polo (Barcelona) came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with the *Festival XI*. The lively Spaniards were *thwarted* several times by the goalkeeper, Rees, in the first half, which ended goalless. Potter scored twice in the second half, one from a penalty stroke, Jorge Fabregas and Maurino replying for the opposition. England Juniors defeated Scotland Juniors 5-0, with goals from Welch (2), Shortt (2) and Grimley.

MOTOR CYCLING: *The United* States look set to win the fourteenth Trans-Atlantic Match Race series at Donington Park today after a dominant display yesterday (Michael Scott writes). With three of the six races left, the British Commonwealth team is trailing 62 points to 136, and has yet to win a race. To make matters worse, Ron Haslam, Britain's top points scorer, may miss today's racing, after hurting his hand in a crash yesterday.

MOTOR RALLYING: Bjorn Waldegaard, the Swede who has led virtually from the start in a Toyota Celica, protected an 11-minute lead *on the third and final leg of Kenya's* Safari rally yesterday. But Rauno Aaltonen, of Finland, driving an Opel Manta 400 was poised for a late challenge.

REAL TENNIS: Nigel Pendrigh, the former Cambridge University captain, and Gerard *Parson*, the Queen's Club professional and Under-24 singles holder, won the Stephens Tayleur Trophy Open Under-24 doubles championship at Queen's Club yesterday, beating Michael Gooding, of Sun Court *Troon*, and *Christopher Bray*, of Cambridge University, 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2.

TABLE TENNIS

Crisis faces England

From a Special Correspondent
Moscow

In regaining the European singles and winning three titles here yesterday for the first time since her *Russian compatriot, Zoya Rudnoza,* did it in 1970. Valentina Popova provided a clue as to why English table tennis is facing a crisis.

When Miss Popova last won the singles in 1980, John Hilton won the men's with his controversial combination bat. Now England for the first time have taken no medals

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: D Surbek (Yug) bt J Dvoracek (Cz), 21-7, 21-4, 21-19; *A Grubba (Pol) bt T Klampar (Hung), 21-14,* 20-22, 20-22, 21-14, 21-17. U Bengtsson (Swe) bt E Lindh (Swe), 21-15, 21-19, 18-21, 17-21, 22-20; A Mazunov (USSR) bt Z Kalinic (Yug), 12-21, 21-18, 21-19, 21-10. Semi-finals: Grubba bt Surbek, *21-9, 21-19*, 21-17; Bengtsson bt Mazunov, 21-15, 18-21, 21-15, 21-19. Final: Bengtsson bt Grubba, 21-16, 16-21 21-12 14-21 21-19

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: M Hrachova (Cz) bt K Kruger (WG) 21-11, 21-15, 21-14. F Bulatova (USSR) bt M Lindblad (Swe) 21-18, 22-24, 21-9, 21-12; V Popova (USSR) bt G Perkucin (Yug) 17-21, 17-21, 21-13, 21-8, 21-8; G Szabo (Hun) bt B Vriesekoop (Neth) 21-13, 11-21, 21-19, 21-10. Semi-finals: V Popova bt Szabo 121-21, 21-10, 21-19, 21-13; F Bulatova bt M Hrachova 11-21, 22-20, 21-19, 16-21, 21-17. Final: Popova bt Bulatova 15-21, 21-15, 21-17, 21-16.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: U Bengtsson and U Carlsson bt D Douglas (Eng) and R Wosik (WG) 19-21, 21-17, 21-11. Final: Z Kalinic and D Surbek (Yug) bt J O Waldner and E Lindh (Swe) 21-19, 21-18.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Final: Popova and N Antonyan (USSR) bt B Batinic and G Perkucin (Yug) 21-10, 21-15.

MIXED DOUBLES: Final: J Secretin (Fr) and Popova (USSR) bt J Pansky and M Hrachova (Cz) 21-14, 21-19.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds recover to defeat the champions

By Keith Macklin

Although Hull Kingston Rovers were presented with the championship trophy, sponsored by Slalom Lager, before yesterday's game with Leeds, the honours of the day went to their opponents. After trailing 12-8 at half-time to the newly-crowned champions, Leeds produced a *splendid second-half performance* to win 20-16.

Rovers suffered their second *holiday home defeat*, as well as seeing their captain, Len Casey, leave the field early again. Casey was substituted in the first-half, ostensibly through injury, although his mood at the moment is such that he may decide to pull out of the Australasian tour.

Fulham's relegation season ended with a final blow from the team with whom they competed for the last relegation place. Featherstone Rovers emphasized their right to stay up by winning 38-18.

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers 38, Fulham 18; Hull KR 16, Leeds 20.
SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle 34, Kent Invicta 12; Doncaster 0, Barrow 66; Halifax 19, Keighley 19.

Saturday

Huddersfield 31, Kent Invicta 1.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: *Friday:* Kansas City Royals 6, Cleveland Indians 4; California Angels 10, Toronto Blue Jays 6 (13 innings); Seattle Mariners 5, Milwaukee Brewers 0; New York Yankees 4, Texas Rangers 1; Detroit Tigers 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Boston Red Sox 3, Oakland Athletics 1; Baltimore Orioles 4, Minnesota Twins 2 (10 innings). Saturday's: California Angels 8, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Cleveland Indians 3, Kansas City Royals 2; *Texas Rangers 1, New York Yankees 0*; Detroit Tigers 4, Chicago White Sox 2; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Seattle Mariners 2; Baltimore Orioles 5, Minnesota Twins 2; Oakland Athletics 5, Boston Red Sox 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: *Chicago Cubs 5*, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; New York Mets 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1 (10 innings); Atlanta Braves 8, Houston Astros 7; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, San Diego Padres 2; San Francisco *Giants 8, Cincinnati Reds 4. Saturday:* Philadelphia Phillies 12, New York Mets 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Chicago Cubs 5; San Diego Padres 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 6; Cincinnati Reds 5, San Francisco Giants 4; Houston Astros 4, Atlanta Braves 3; (1) Montreal Expos 6, St Louis Cardinals 3; (2) Montreal Expos 4, St Louis Cardinals 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: First round play-offs: Friday New Jersey Nets 116, Philadelphia 76ers 102 (New Jersey lead best-of-five series 2-0); Los Angeles Lakers 109, Kansas City Kings 102; (Los Angeles lead 2-0); Portland Trail Blazers 122, Phoenix Suns 116 (1-1). Saturday: Washington Bullets 111, Boston Celtics 108 (Celtics lead 2-1); Seattle Supersonics 104, Dallas Mavericks 94 (Sonics lead 2-1); Atlanta Hawks 103, Milwaukee Bucks 94 (Bucks lead 2-1).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs: Friday: Montreal Canadiens 5, Quebec Nordiques 3 (Montreal win best-of-seven series 4-2); Calgary Flames 5, Edmonton Oilers 4 (Overtime, series tied 3-3); St Louis Blues 3, Minnesota North Stars 0 (series tied, 3-3).
EDINBURGH: European junior championships: Group C: Belgium 8, Britain 4.

CRICKET

FENNER'S: Essex 463 for 4 dec (C Gladwin 162, G A Gooch 89, K S McEwan 68, K W R Fletcher 59); Cambridge University 16 for 1.
THE PARKS: Nottinghamshire 356 for 8 dec (B C Broad 88, R T Robinson 79, J D Birch 52); Oxford University 11 for 1.

GOLF

INAMURA, Japan: International Tournament: Final round (Japanese unless stated): 283: J Jacobs (US), 73, 69, 69, 72. 286: T Ozaki, 74, 69, 74, 68. 286: P Fowler (Aus), 74, 73, 71, 68; C Tze-Ming (Taiwan), 74, 69, 71, 72. 288: K Hasegawa, 76, 72, 71, 69; K Takahashi, 74, 69, 74, 71; I Aoki, 76, 69, 70, 73; H Makino, 71, 72, 72, 73; N Yuhara, 76, 70, 70, 72; T Gale (Aus), 74, 70, 70, 74; M Clayton (Aus), 75, 65, 73, 75. 289: J Lewis (US), 76, 68, 70, 75; M Ozaki, 71, 72, 75, 71; S Kanai, 72, 76, 69, 72; N Ozaki, 77, 67, 72, 73; T Suzumura, 74, 70, 71, 74.
ASIAN CIRCUIT: Leading positions: 1, J Jacobs (US), 702pts; 2, L Chien-Soon (Taiwan), 659; 3, L Hsi-Chuen (Taiwan), 557; 4, R Alcarcon (Mex), 551; 5, T Gale (Aus), 544; 6, H Sheng-San (Taiwan), 527.
FLORIDA: St Petersburg Women's Classic: Third round: (US unless stated): 204: H Stacy, 69, 69, 66; A Okamoto (Jap), 72, 66, 66; B King, 70, 66, 68. 206: B Bunkowsky (Can), 71, 69, 66; V Fergon, 68, 67, 71. 208: D Caponi, 72, 67, 69; J Joyce, 72, 70, 66. 210: L Young (Can), 73, 70, 67. 211: S Spuzich, 68, 73, 70; L Stroney, 70, 69, 72; *M McGeorge, 71, 70, 70; A Benz, 70,* 67, 74.

SQUASH RACKETS

CALGARY: World junior championship: Final: *C Robertson (Aus) bt D Lloyd (GB) 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.*

BOXING

FORT WORTH: World Boxing Association welterweight championship: Don Curry (US, holder) bt Elio Diaz (Ven) rtd seventh round.
SEOUL: International Boxing Federation junior-lightweight championship: Yu Han-Kil (S Kor) bt R Sequenan (Phil) pts.

TENNIS

INGLEWOOD, California: Exhibition match: J McEnroe (US) bt J Connors (US) 7-5, 6-3.
AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's Grand Prix tournament: Fourth round: C Lloyd (US) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-1, 6-0; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt K Horvath (US), 6-2, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt Z Garrison (US), 7-5, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt C Tanvier (Fr), 7-6, 6-4; Semi-finals: C Lloyd bt M Maleeva, 6-1, 6-1; M Navratilova bt H Mandlikova, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

CYCLING

MESSDEN, Netherlands: Classic Race (247 km) Dutch unless stated): 1, J Hanegraaf 6hrs 5min 58sec; 2, K Andersen (Den) at 2min 4sec; 3, P Verskuijs (Bel) 2:08; 4, R Dhaenens (Bel), 5, A Wijnands, 6, *W Tackaert (Bel)*, 7, F Vichot (Fr), 8, J van Meer, 9, T de Rooy, 10, P Winnen, all same time.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Easter Rifle Meeting: Saturday aggregate: 1, S. Belither (Colchester) 173; 2, R. Kingston (Berkshire) 172; 3, A. Mabon (West Scotland) 171, Sunday aggregate: 1, S. J. Ayes (Berkshire) 171; 2, Belither 171; 3, A. Donald (Old Cliftonians) 170. British Free Rifle Club (300 metres): 1, P. Scanlon 582; 2, J. Bellringer 575; 3, F. Payne 570.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN CUP: First round, second legs: Kigali Sports, Rwanda 1, Sanga Balende (Zaire) 4 (Balende win 6-2 on aggregate); Lesotho Paramilitary Force 0, Red Devils (Zambia) 1 (Red Devils win 6-0 on aggregate).

WATER POLO

ROME: Olympic qualifying tournament: Greece 6, France 5; Canada 6, China 7; Spain 7, Australia 2.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	6	5	0	1	59	40	10
Spain	6	5	0	1	52	35	10
Australia	6	4	0	2	48	44	8
Greece	6	2	1	3	44	50	5
China	6	2	0	4	37	52	4
Canada	6	1	1	4	44	53	3
France	6	1	0	5	38	48	2

Top five qualify.

Leading scorers 27 goals: M Estiarte (Sp), and A Aronis (Gr).

MOTOR RALLYING

CIRCIT OF IRELAND RALLY (after 30 stages): 1, H Toivonen and T Grindrod (Porsche) 286 min 49 sec. 2, P Coleman and R Morgan (Opel Manta) 292.50, 3, A McHale and C Farrell (Opel Manta) 293.52, 4, E Kidney and S McCanny (Talbot) 301.01.

NAIROBI: Kenya Safari Rally: Leading standings after third leg: 1, B Waldegaard and H Thorszelius (Swe), Toyota Celica, 91 penalty minutes; 2, R Aaltonen (Fin) and L Drews (Ken), Opel Manta 400, 102; 3, H Mikkola (Fin) and A Hertz (Swe), Audi Quattro, 113.

SNOOKER

SHEFFIELD: World professional championships: First round: S Davis bt W King (Aus) 10-3; S Francisco (SA) bt A Meo 10-5; R Reardon bt J Wych (Can) 10-7; T Griffiths leads P Mifsud (Malta) 6-1; J Spencer leads G Miles 7-2.

MOTOR CYCLING

DONNINGTON PARK: Transatlantic Challenge, first leg (15 laps, 29.36 miles): 1, R Mamola (US), Honda, 18mins 42.66 (94.14mph); 2, R Haslam (GB), Honda, 18:42.87 (94.12); 3, F Spencer (US), Honda, 18:43.13 (94.10); 4, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 18:50.22; 5, K Roberts (US), Yamaha, 18:52.83; 6, R Mcelnea (GB), Suzuki, 19:7.34. Fastest lap: Spencer, 1min 13.74 (95.55mph – Record). Second leg: 1, Mamola, 18:47.34 (93.5mph); 2, Spencer, 18:47.64 (93.73); 3, Haslam, 18:48.15 (93.68); 4, Lawson, 18:48.29; 5, Roberts, 19:6.34; 6, W Gardner (Aus), Honda 19:7.98. Fastest lap: Spencer, 1min 13.46 (95.91mph – record). Third leg: 1, Spencer, 18:38.08 (94.53mph); 2, Lawson, 18:38.50 (94.49); 3, Mamola, 18:41.79 (94.21); 4, Roberts, 18:42.16; 5, Gardner, 19:00.09; 6, McElnea, 19:1.58. Fastest lap: Spencer, 1min 13.21 (96.24 – record). Points position: USA 136; Britain 62.
350cc (12 laps, 23.48 miles): 1, D McLeod (Lanark), 350 Yamaha, 15min 41.32sec (89.82 mph). TT Formula One (12 laps, 23.48 miles): 1, *W Gardner (Aus), 749 Honda, 15:30.88 (90.85* mph). 250cc (15 laps, 29.36 miles): 1, D McLeod (Lanark), Yamaha, 19:34.70 (89.97 mph). Road racing 84 TT British F2 Championship (10 laps, 19.57 miles): 1, P *Mellor (Shelley)*, 347 Yamaha, 13:25.80 (87.44 mph). World of Sport Super Bike, First round: 18 laps (35.23 miles): 1, R Haslam (Langley Mill), Honda, 44.15sec (92.97 mph). Motorcycle News Masters (round two) and Transnational series (12 laps, 23.48 miles): 1, McElnea, Suzuki, 15:13.16 (92.58 mph).
LE MAN: 24 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE: 1, H Van Der Mark/D Brand (Neth) Suzuki, *3277,397 km, 136.5 kph; 2, H Lees/M Oxley* (GB), and Kultahiati (Fin), Honda, 2 laps behind.

ICE HOCKEY

GLASGOW: European Junior Championships: Group C: Britain 4, Belgium 8, Spain 4, Hungary 8.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

HAVERFORD WEST: Saab Welsh Grand Prix: 1, P Bentley 196 + 25 out of 25 in shoot-off; 2, C Jary 196 + 24 + 25; 3, M Billington 196 + 24 + 24. Other leading scorers: J Adaway and P Billington 194; W Sykes and S Murton 192; J Gurney, R Ford, and A Woods 191.
TAMWORTH: Olympic Trap Selection Shoot: 1, I Peel 196; 2, P Bodan 194; 3, P Croft 193. Other leading scorers: K Borley, M Girvan, D Wragg and J Young all 192.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Open Under 24 doubles: First round: N. J. J. Prendrigh/G. Parsons (Queen's) bt P. Titchener/D. Pease Watkin 6-1, 6-0; J. S. Male/C. May bt P. A. Brake (Sea *Court)/R. Moyle (Sea Court) 6-4, 6-1; T. D. J* Warburg/M. Drysdale bt A. Davis (Leamington)/M. Steele (Leamington) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; C. Bray (Camb Univ)/M. Gooding (Troon) bt S. Hazell (Wellington)/N. Smith (Queen's) 6-1, 6-3. *Semi-finals:* Pendrigh/Parsons bt Male/May 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; Bray/Gooding bt Warburg/Drysdale 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. Final: Pendrigh/Parsons bt Bray/Gooding 6-1, 6-1, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2.

CROQUET

CHELTENHAM: Easter tournament: T W Anderson (3) bt Mrs Neville Rolfe (2½) +3; Anderson bt J Potter (2½) +10; D J Croker *(–2½) bt B G Neal (–½) +15; P Cordingley* (–½) bt D R Foulser (–1) +13; P A Dwerryhouse (7½) bt Mrs Tompkinson (7½) +2; Mrs E Dyson (9) bt Mrs Irwin (9) +10; Mrs Dyson bt F P Finn (10) +9; J Exell (7) bt Mrs Dwerryhouse (6½) +6; Finn bt Mrs Irwin +13.

C Irwan (–½) bt Foulser +12; L V Latham (½) bt J A Wheeler (½) +23; Mrs D Latham (10) bt Miss Wraith (11) +8; J R McCullough (–½) bt Neal +21; McCullough bt D J Croker (–½) +25; Miss McLeod (6) bt Mrs Anderson (5½) +4 (T); D H Moorcraft (½) bt G E P Jackson (0) +4; Mrs Neal (5) bt Mrs Coetzee (4½) +16; R D C Prichard (1) bt A Berry (1½) +2.

J E Ross (1/2) bt R D C Prichard +6; Ross bt Miss Wraith +12; R Race (5) bt Mrs Coetzee +11(T); C B Sanford (51/2) bt Mrs Anderson +13; W J Sturdy (4) bt D L Gaunt (3) +13; *Sturdy bt Miss Hampson (4) +13; P L Smith (1)* bt C B Snowdon (21/2) +4.

M G Tompkinson (21/2) bt Mrs R F Wheeler (21/2) +12; Tompkinson bt R E Adlard (2) +2; G K Taylor (1/2) bt Moorcraft +8; M Strachan (5) *bt Mrs D M C Prichard (5) +22; M Suter (9) bt* Mrs Warren (71/2) +16; Suter bt Potter +10; M J Wilkins (6) bt Mrs Dwerryhouse +4(T); R F Wheeler (4) bt R C Jones (4) +2(T); Mrs B Waltz (31/2) bt Wheeler +5; Mrs Warren bt Potter +6.

VOLLEYBALL

WEST BERLIN: *Womens Spring Cup: Final:* West Germany by Netherlands 3-0; Third place: Switzerland bt France 3-2; Fifth Place: Finland bt Sweden 3-0; Seventh place: Italy bt Austria 3-0. Group B play-offs: Spain bt *Luxembourg 3-0; England bt Israel 3-1;* Norway bt West German juniors 3-2; Greece bt Denmark 3-0. Placing: 14, England.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Aberavon 23, London Welsh 14; Abertillery 7, Ebbw Vale 19; Bedford 29, Exeter 17; Birkenhead Park 3, Roundhay 4; Bridgend 18, Maesteg 7; Broughton Park 23, West Hartlepool 16; Cardiff 52, Barbarians 16; Coventry 19, Gosforth 8; Cross Keys 6, Glamorgan Wanderers 3; Fylde 10, Nottingham 9; Gloucester 19, Headingley 0; Liverpool 48, *Bradford and Bingley 8; Llanelli 61,* Northampton 13; Moseley 37, Harrogate 10; Neath 28, Leicester 24; Newbridge 41, Wakefield 13; Newport 38, Moseley 18; Newton Abbot 3, Otley 37; Orrell 23, Preston Grasshoppers 4; Plymouth Albion 16, *Torquay* 13; Pontypool 36, Nuneaton 12; Pontypridd 15, South Wales Police 16; Rugby 20, Wilmslow 9; Sale 58, Old Belvedere 13; Saracens 9, Middlesbrough 15; Swansea 19, Harlequins 12; Vale of Lune 30, Davenport 0; Waterloo 21, Wasps 4.

NORTHERN: Blackburn 18, Tiverton 22; Ilkley 24, Lloyds Bank 17; Kendal 6, Halifax 16; Leigh 15, *St Helens* 17; Lymm 25, Vickers 9; New Brighton 27, Huddersfield 4; Percy Park 37, Wigton 22; Rhyl 36, Caldy 16; Ripon 12, Sedgeley Park 3; Stafford 32, Heaton Moor 12.

HAWICK SEVENS: First round: Portobello 10, Haddington 14; Watsonians 0, Kelso 24; Glasgow Academicals 10, Heriot's 4; Selkirk 6, Hawick 22; Gala 24, Tynedale 7; Langholm 0, *Stewart's-Melville FP* 32; Melrose 12, Jed-Forest 10; Boroughmuir 12 London Scottish 20. Second round: Haddington 12, Kelso 18; Glasgow Academicals 12, Hawick 36; Gala 12, Stewart's-Melville FP 10; Melrose 16, London Scottish 4. *Semi-finals:* Kelso 6, Hawick 26; Gala 22, Melrose 10. Final: Hawick 40, Gala 10.

SOUTH-WEST: Bridgwater 12, Edwardians 12; Taunton 17, Henley 12; Camborne 62, Mufilira *(Zambia) 0; Falmouth 10, Old Dunstonians 3;* Newquay 30, Bideford 14; Redruth 38, Esher 6; St Ives 4, Dixonians 9; Truro 52, St Mary's Hospital 16; Newton Abbot 3, Otley 37; *Crediton* 20, Wellington 14; Barnstable 19; Dudley Kingswinford 29; Yeovil 13, Bromsgrove 3; Penzance Newlyn 24, Chichester 8.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Penryn 3, Stroud 6.

SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Havant 16, Oxford 9.

EAST MERIT TABLE: Holt 21, Norwich Lions 3, West Norfolk 9, Old Cantabrigians 28.

TOUR MATCHES: NTV (Hanover) 6, Old Verulamians 37; SVO (Hanover) 7, Old Verulamians 16; Reigate 17, Rennes 6.

FOOTBALL: ARSENAL WIN THE BATTLE OF NORTH LONDON



Rix tricks: Arsenal's midfield player thwarts Stevens, the Tottenham substitute

Howe has nothing left to prove

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal....................3
Tottenham..................2

One chapter of the north London story closed on Saturday afternoon. Amid a final flourish of wild inspiration, the two rivals ended their 100th fixture with four goals in the last 12 minutes.

By the time the clubs begin their second century – Tottenham Hotspur, for certain, and Arsenal, perhaps, under new management – they will be aiming to confirm their potential as the leaders of the southern challenge to Liverpool and Manchester United. Tottenham have consistently been cut down to size by injuries (Keith Burkinshaw's successor must pray for a dramatic change of fortune) and Arsenal are inhibiting their own progress by indecision.

Their directors should appoint Don Howe now rather than waiting until the end of term. It is not as if he has anything left to prove and, even if they do not realize it, Burkinshaw inadvertently offered them a poignant comment on Arsenal's recent revival. "They will be a team to be feared next season", he said.

Howe admits that two acquisitions have lifted them towards becoming possible genuine title contenders. The arrival of a steel girder, Caton, has strengthened their defence and the addition of an effervescent character, Mariner, has enlivened their attack. Their lone defeat in the last two months was at Old Trafford when Caton was sent off.

As Arsenal rise, so Nicholas is emerging from his cocoon. Now fluttering behind an England international striking partnership, he is relishing the role taken by Bryan Robson at Manchester United and Dalglish on occasion at Liverpool. The scorer of three goals by Christmas, he has since not only added another 10 but also created many more.

Although a linesman's flag was waving when Stewart Robson put Arsenal ahead through a deflection, but for Parks ("playing out of his skin", according to Burkinshaw) Tottenham would have been punctured beyond repair by the interval. Miller, in particular, could not even begin to cope with the speed and agility of Woodcock.

Nicholas increased Arsenal's lead with the kind of goal that Highbury has been awaiting since August. Faced by a crowd of players he wriggled through an unforeseen hole, feinted past Parks and, looking for all the world like a youthful George Best, rolled the ball softly between two white shirted figures lunging on the line.

Woodcock, whisking Tottenham's defence into confusion throughout the sunlit afternoon, eventually carried out his heavy threat and finished yet another silken move involving Mariner and Nicholas. It completed Arsenal's third victory of the season over their neighbours and, but for two instant replies by Archibald, would have reflected their undoubted superiority.

The lone problem for Howe, clearly the players' favourite to stay in charge, concerns the fitness of Rix. Troubled by an Achilles strain all season, he may need an operation in the summer and so will miss Englan's tour to South America. Compared to Burkinshaw's deep misfortunes, the absence of Rix, who can be replaced adequately by Davis, is hardly even an irritation.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; C Hill, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, T Caton, S Robson, C Nicholas, P Mariner, A Woodcock, G Rix (sub: P Davis.)
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: A Parks; D Thomas, C Hughton, G Roberts, P Miller, S Perryman, G Mabbutt, S Archibald, A Galvin, I Crook, (sub: G Stevens) G Crooks.
Referee: J Hunting (Leicester).

Fledglings flutter to downfall

By Clive White

Wolverhampton W.............0
Ipswich Town.....................3

Wolverhampton Wanderers will be pushed out of the first division nest as sure as Easter eggs are Easter eggs – in fact, at half-time on Saturday the scores had them already gone. The question is: where will the drop stop? Will this fledgling side ever learn to fly in to prevent a Swansea-style plummet towards disaster?

Only 6,611 – the lowest Molineux crowd for 47 years – turned up on Saturday to see Wolves fall like Icarus in the warm afternoon sunshine; while Ipswich, equally troubled, glided effortlessly to victory. The valiant struggle to rebuild the Midlands club off the field will again be in vain unless there is a glimmer of success on it.

There is so much youth and so little quality and experience in the side, one wonders how on earth they beat Liverpool and Nottingham Forest and drew with Manchester United this season. Two 17-year-olds, Bayly and Rodger, if not exactly thrown to the wolves, received fiery baptisms. "I only hope I haven't destroyed them," Graham Hawkins, the manager said sympathetically afterwards.

Derek Dougan, the Wolves chairman, has put his own position on the line in backing Hawkins, whom he chose to lead them out of the second division because "he knew more about that division than any other manager". Hawkins will shortly be adding to that knowledge. "I think we've gained a lot of experience in the first division", he said. "I know I have.

Although Ipswich's fate may also be relegation, their future is a good deal brighter. Even without Butcher and Burley there was evidence on Saturday of enough experience to serve them well in the second division, if necessary.

Ipswich's win, through goals by D'Avray, Osman and Sunderland, was their first away from home since October 1, when they were still recognizable as Ipswich. Then they stood their from top instead of third from bottom.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: J Burridge; M Buckland, G Palmer (sub: D Rudge), M Bayly, G Rodger, A Dodd, K Hibbitt, S McGarvey, W Livingstone, A Towner, D Crainie
IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; T Putney, D Barnes, R Zondervan, R Osman, I Cranson, A Sunderland, M Brennan, M D'Avray, S McCall, E Gates
Referee: R Guy (Merseyside)

United revive their flagging spirits

By Paul Newman

Manchester United............4
Coventry City......................1

Manchester United will travel to Turin for the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Juventus on Wednesday with renewed confidence. Little has gone right for United since their epic 3–0 victory over Barcelona in the previous round a month ago, but there were signs at Old Trafford on Saturday that Ron Atkinson's team have managed to put most of their recent problems behind them.

Playing Coventry City at home before a European tie away to Juventus may be like sparring with a flyweight in preparation for a heavyweight contest, but this was probably just the match United needed to revive their flagging spirits. In their previous five games they had scored only twice, dropped eight league points and been forced to manage without the injured Robson and Muhren.

Hughes, who replaced the out-of-touch Whiteside, responded with a sharp display that included two well-taken goals, yet it was in their depleted midfield that United impressed most. Moses tackled with fearsome determination. McGarth scored his first senior goal and hit a thundering shot against the crossbar and, above all, Wilkins did what he does best – attack.

Not only did Wilkins show a welcome readiness to move into the penalty area himself – his close-range goal was just the sort Robson scores so often – but he was constantly looking to make penetrating, defence-splitting passes. He must have impressed not only the AC Milan scouts but also any watching eyes from Juventus, for whatever defensive qualities United will need in Turin they must score at least once.

Coventry, for whom Daly scored with a 25-yard drive, competed well but were never in with a chance once Hughes had opened the scoring shortly before the interval. They must be grateful for the points earned earlier in the season, which should keep them out of the relegation positions.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, (sub N Whiteside), K Moran, G Hogg, P McGrath, R Moses, F Stapleton, M Hughes, A Graham
COVENTRY CITY: P Suckling; I Butterworth, M Adams (sub, T Gibson), G Daly, S Allardyce, S Jacobs, D Bennett, A Grimes, M Ferguson, M Gynn, N Platnauer.
Referee: D Hutchinson (Harrogate, replaced at half-time because of injury by D Farrell, Nantwich).

AC Milan got short change from Manchester United's chairman, Martin Edwards, on Saturday night when they tried to sign Ray Wilkins. The Italians are believed to have made an offer of around £1m plus £500,000 for the player in a three-year contract.

Mr Edwards said: "We met a representative of AC Milan and had a brief meeting which lasted only five to 10 minutes. They made a substantial offer which we have refused and now we hope that is the end of the matter." An AC Milan director, Antonio Cardielo, said: "Things did not go well in my talks. I have no more to say about it at this stage."

Forest have a future in Europe

By Vince Wight

Brian Clough's priceless ability to extract the maximum from his players makes him one of the best post-war managers. His powers of motivation were clearly evident at the City Ground on Saturday, when his Nottingham Forest youngsters sent Birmingham City home with their tails between their legs.

Forest's 5-1 victory keeps them in third postition and virtually assures them of a place in next season's UEFA Cup competition. Forest have an excellent chance of winning this season's UEFA Cup, but unlike the European Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup, the UEFA Cup winners are not guaranteed automatic re-entry.

Anderlecht, Forest's opponents in the second leg of the semi-final on Wednesday, can have gained no comfort from Saturday's events. Davenport scored Forest's first and last goals, with successful efforts by Walsh, Wallace and Bowyer in between. Harford replied for Birmingham, who are sliding back into the relegation zone.

Queen's Park Rangers, London's top team, are also pushing hard for a UEFA Cup place, and their 2-0 win over Leicester City was their fifth consecutive victory on the artificial surface at Loftus Road. Allen was among the goals again, and Fereday added the second with a shot that deceived Wallington.

All this left Liverpool unmoved, for they have bigger fish to fry. Their 3-0 defeat of West Bromwich Albion at Anfield increased the likelihood of a League championsip and European Cup double.

Notts County's hopes of avoiding relegation encountered a setback at Luton, for whom Bunn scored a last-minute winner. Unfortunately for Notts, most of the other results went against them too. Stoke City gained a deserved point in a 2-2 draw at Norwich, and Sunderland climbed two places nearer safety by beating Everton 2-1 at Roker Park.

Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea continue to march relentlessy towards the first division.

Aberdeen on course

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen's 2-0 victory over St Johnstone at Perth swept away any faint hope retained by their only rivals, Celtic and Dundee United, of offering a real challenge for the premier division title.

With Celtic losing to Rangers and United dropping a point against Dundee, the crowning of Aberdeen as champions is now a formality. They have a four-point lead over second place Celtic, and with three games in hand need only five points from their remaining seven fixtures to be sure of the title.

Aberdeen never looked like losing, though their eyes seemed focused on Wednesday's European Cup Winners' Cup tie with Porto and they had to wait until the last 16 minutes for the goals from Stark and McGhee. They rested the incomparable Strachan but he will play against Porto, as will Cooper. The only player who remains doubtful is Weir, still recovering from a long-term injury.

Dundee United, who meet Roma in Italy in the European Cup on Wednesday, must hope their finishing is more venomous against the Italian champions than it was in the home game with Dundee, which ended in a 1-1 draw. United played neat enough football, but squandered several scoring chances.

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Hore may leave

John Hore, the Plymouth Argyle manager, yesterday threatened to resign if the FA Cup semi-finalists are relegated. The board have drawn up a two-year contract for the 37-year-old Cornishman, but he has refused to sign until the club's fate is resolved.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Birmingham C v Arsenal
Everton v Wolverhampton W
Ipswich T v Norwich C
Stoke C v QPR
West Bromwich v Sunderland

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Frickley; Bangor City v Frickly (7.30); Barnet v Yeovil; Bath v Telford United; Boston United v Trowbridge; Kettering v Maidstone; Northwich Victoria v Kidderminster (7.30; Weymouth v Runcorn (11.0); Worcester v Enfield.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Buxton; Gainsborough v Grantham (7.30); Horwich v Chorley; Macclesfield v Hyde United; Matlock v Burton Albion; Mossley v Witton Albion; Oswestry v Stafford Rangers (7.30); Sth Liverpool v Rhyl; Southport v Marine; Worksop v Morecambe (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth v Stourbridge (11.0); Corby v AP Leamington; Folkestone v Hastings (11.0); Gloucester v Cheltenham (7.30); Gravesend v Dartford; Sutton Coldfield v Alvechurch. Midland Division Aylesbury v Milton Keynes; Bridgnorth v Merthyr Tydfil; Bridgwater v Forest Green (11.0); Bromsgrove v Redditch (11.0); Coventry Sporting v Oldbury (7.30); Rushden v Wellingborough (10.45); Shepshed Charterhouse v Leicester United (10.45); Tamworth v Moor Green (11.0); VS Rugby v Banbury. Southern Division: Addlestone v Hillingdon; Crawley v Andover; Hounslow v Dunstable (11.0); RS Southampton v Tonbridge; Thanet United v Chatham; Waterlooville v Salisbury (11.0); Woodford v Erith and Belvedere (11.0).
IRISH LEAGUE: Carrick Rangers v Larne; Distillery v Bangor; Glentoran v Glenavon.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY: Semi-final replay (at Cirencester, 2.30): Moreton Town v Shortwood United
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Final (at Harrow Borough): Hendon v Wembley.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Final (at Imber Court): Sutton United v Epsom and Ewell.

Second division

Barnsley v Blackburn R
Cardiff C v Derby County
Crystal Palace v Charlton A
Fulham v Brighton
Grimsby T v Cambridge Utd
Manchester City v Huddersfield T
Newcastle Utd v Carlisle Utd

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis Town v Hitchin Town; Hayes v Harlow Town; Wycombe Wanderers v Slough Town. First division: Clapton v Maidenhead United; Tilbury v Hampton; Walton & Hersham v Feltham; Woking v Hornchurch. Second division: Dorking v Basildon United; Grays Athletic v Horsham; Hungerford Town v Epping Town; Leyton Wingate v Newbury Town; Tring Town v Eastbourne United.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chalfont St Peter v Harwich & Parkeston; Edgware v Fleet; Redhill v Wolverton Town; Ruislip Manor v Whyteleafe. FESTIVAL: Liverpool Ramblers.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity v Alfreton Town; Emley v Boston; Guisborough Town v Heanor Town; Guiseley v Belper Town; Mexborough Town v Ilkeston Town; Sutton Town v Appleby Frodingham; Thackley v Spalding United.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Saltash; Dawlish v Taunton; Mangotsfield v Barnstaple; Melksham v Chippenham (11.0); Minehead v Bideford; Plymouth v Clevedon; Shepton Mallet v Exmouth; Weston-Super-Mare v Wellington.

HOCKEY
FESTIVALS: Men's: Bournemouth; Folkestone; Formby Guernsey; Jersey; Lowestoft; Motorway (Birmingham); Thames International (Staines); Scarborough; Torbay; Weston-Super-Mare; Weymouth.

Third division

Burnley v Walsall
Gillingham v Bristol Rovers
Hull C v Rotherham Utd
Lincoln C v Southend Utd
Millwall v Wimbledon
Wigan Ath v Bradford C (7.30)

Fourth division

Aldershot v Colchester Utd
Bury v Chesterfield (3.15)
Halifax T v Rochdale
Hereford Utd v Stockport Cty (7.30)
Torquay Utd v Reading (7.30)
Tranmere R v York C (3.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION: Hull v Whitehaven; Leigh v Warrington (3.30); Wakefield T v Castleford (3.30); Widnes v St Helens.
SECOND DIVISION: Dewsbury v Hunslet (3.30); Doncaster v Blackpool Borough; Huyton v Batley; Swinton v Huddersfield; Workington Town v Cardiff City (3.30); York v Bramley.

MOTOR RACING
THRUXTON CIRCUIT: European Formula Two, plus British Formula Three, Group A saloons, Formula Ford 1600, Special saloons and Fiestas. First race 1.30.

OTHER SPORT
CROQUET: Cheltenham Easter Weekend; Woking Easter Weekend.
TENNIS: Junior Hardcourt Championships of Great Britain – 16 and Under (Edgbaston, Birmingham, 9-30). Cumberland Club tournament (10-0).
SNOOKER: World Professional Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield 2 and 7).
SQUASH RACKETS: Bournemouth Easter Festival (Bournemouth, 11.0). European Championships Leopardstown, Dublin, 10.0).

RUGBY UNION
Aberavon v Neath
Bath v Glamorgan Wdrs
Bristol v Abertillery
Cardiff v Harlequins
Ebbw Vale v Tredegar
Fylde v Hull & ER
Gloucester v Birkenhead Pk
Gosforth v Wilmslow
Headingley v Coventry
Liverpool v Halifax
Moseley v Llanelli
Newbridge v Cross Keys
Newport v London Welsh
Northampton v West Hartlepool
Nottingham v Orrell
Nuneaton v Bedford
Pontypool v Leicester
Pontypridd v Bridgend
Saracens v Northern
Sidcup v St Claud (France)
Swansea v Barbarians
Torquay v Otley
Waterloo v Sheffield
Vale of Lune v Bradford and Bingley
SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Havant v Oxford.
EASTER FESTIVALS: Bournemouth, Isle of Wight, Lowerstoft and Yarmouth.

CRICKET
(11.30 to 6.30)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essex
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire.

ICE HOCKEY
EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C: Spain v Belgium (Murrayfield 7.30); Hungary v Britain (Kirkcaldy 7.30).

Racing: Sutcliffe's colt to gain compensation at Kempton

El Gazebo should fulfil promise

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

El Gazebo is napped to win the Quail Stakes at Kempton Park today following that immensely encouraging run in the Abernant Stakes at Newmarket last Wednesday. On that occasion, his cause was hardly helped when he spread a plate in the paddock and had to be re-shod. When the race finally got underway, El Gazebo was not into his stride as quickly as most.

However, the way that he ate up the ground in the final quarter of a mile to snatch third place, only a length behind Reesh and Gabitat, augured well and I believe that he will thwart Sayf El Arab, who has proved so disappointing since he won the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot last June.

Willie Carson, El Gazebo's jockey, can also win the Middlesex Handicap on Risk All, who already has a victory on the course to her name this season. So too does Moon Jester, one of the leading fancies for the Rosebery Stakes. In this instance, though, I prefer Rangefinder the mount of Steve Cauthen.

Rangefinder ran really well at Newbury nine days ago to finish third in the Spring Cup over a mile. Cauthen said that only lack of fitness beat him and that he would do better with that race behind him and over a longer trip. This, then, looks the ideal opportunity for Rangefinder to prove Cauthen's point, always assuming that Miramar Reef is not as good as he appeared to be in last year's Champion Stakes. On all known evidence, that was a flash in the pan.

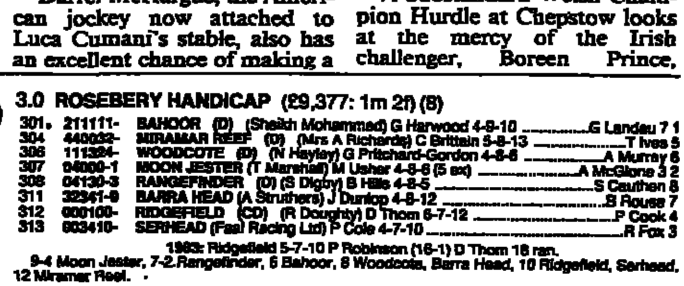
Edward Hide and George Duffield look jockeys to follow at Newcastle. Cornwall (1.45), a winner at Warwick already this season, Vintage Toll (2.45) the Lincoln runner-up, and Riberetto (3.15), second to Moon Jester at Kempton, have the ability to give Hide, that wily tactician, a treble on one of his favourite courses. Tuft Hill (3.45) and Clunk Click (4.15) are expected to provide Duffield with a double.

Michael Hinchcliffe, who was probably better known as Lester Piggott's chauffeur until he saddled Cutting Wind to win the Free Handicap at Newmarket last Thursday, can continue the good work at Nottingham by winning the Little John Stakes with Inniskillen and the Broxtow Handicap with Geoff Wragg's cast-off, Master Cawston. Both will be ridden by Ray Cochrane, a jockey who is always good enough if the horse is good enough, as Ron Sheather will testify.

Darrel McHargue, the American jockey now attached to Luca Cumani's stable, also has an excellent chance of making a doubly good impression upon Midland racegoers by winning the Robin Hood Stakes on Il Tigre and the Clumber Stakes on Johnny Crown, for his retaining stable. McHargue has ridden Johnny Crown to victory at Kempton already this spring and they have the beating of Trapeze Artist, judged on that form.

With Easy Jeans (2.15), Saffron Poser (2.45) and Be My Queen (4.45) among his rides at Warwick, Bruce Raymond should also enjoy his Bank Holiday. Easy Jeans won a similar race at Hamilton, while Be My Queen ran well enough in the Blue Seal Stakes at Ascot last September to suggest that a race like the Leek Wooton Fillies Stakes should be within her grasp.

A Substandard Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow looks at the mercy of the Irish challenger, Boreen Prince,



KEMPTON PARK (ITV)

[Televised: (ITV) 2.0, 2.30, 3.0]
GOING: firm
Draw: 7f and over High numbers best
Tote Double: 3.00, 4.00. Treble: 2.30, 3.30 & 4.30

2.0 REDSHANK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,070: 5f) (9 runners)
101 ADELPHI (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-11 ....T Ives 5
103 BROCHURE HOTPOT (Brochure Business Ltd) R Hannon 8-11 ....A McGlone 3 6
104 4 CAMEROUN (C Wright) D Laing 8-11 ....P Cook 2
105 GHIZLAN (Hadi Al-Tajir) C Benstead 8-11 ....W Carson 7
106 LADY WILDE (D O'Brien) R Hannon 8-11 ....L Jones 7 4
108 0 MILETRIANS LASS (G Dawes) P Ashworth 8-11 ....B Rouse 8
110 MISS OCTAVIAN (K MacMaster) P Makin 8-11 ....A Murray 1
113 40 SHELLEY MARIE (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 8-11 ....R Fox 3
114 WRIT (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ....S Cauthen 9
1983: My Louie 8-11 G Ramshaw (12-1) A Ingham 8 ran.
7-4 Writ, 11-4 Adelphai, 4 Cameroun, 8 Ghizlan, 10 Brochure Hotpot, 12 Miletrians Lass, 20 others.

Kempton selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Adelphi. 2.30 Steeple Belle. 3.0 Rangefinder. 3.30 Risk All. 4.0 EL GAZEBO (nap). 4.30 Jerry Can.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Adelphi. 2.30 Steeple Belle. 3.0 Woodcote. 3.30 Prince Crow. 4.0 Sayf El Arab. 4.30 Jerry Can.

2.30 DURANTE HANDICAP (£2,838: 1m) (12)
201 100101- STEEPLE BELL (D) (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) M Stoute 8-10-0 ....K Bradshaw 5 6
204 011010- BIG PAL (CD) (Mrs G Harwood) G Harwood 9-9-8 ....G Landau 7 7
207 00000-0 COUNTY BROKER (E Rawlinson) D Elsworth 4-9-1 ....S Cauthen 5
210 /00302- PLIANT (P Brunold) C Horgan 4-8-12 ....A McGlone 3 11
211 411300- BUNDABURG (D) (Mrs R Garland) S Matthews 4-8-10 ....B Jago 4
212 1430-00 RAPID LAD (D) (S Bonsberry) J Spearing 6-8-10 ....P Cook 10
214 032200- SON OF RAJA (B Peters) J Bethell 4-8-8 ....B Rouse 2
221 30030-0 PALLAVICINA (R Wright) C Brittain 4-8-0 ....W Carson 9
222 321060- TRUMPS (D) (J Swift) B Swift 4-8-0 ....R Fox 3
224 104300- SIR HUMPHREY (Mrs S Khan) B Swift 4-7-10 ....M L Thomas 12
226 23000-0 TROPICAL RED (D) (C Wildman) C Wildman 4-7-9 ....– 1
228 20400-0 MR ROSE (B Bates) L Lightbrown 4-7-7 ....A Proud 8
1983: Falcons Hair 4-7-10 T Quinn (11-1) P Cole 17 ran.
7-2 Steeple Bell, 9-2 Son of Raja, 11-2 Rapid Lad, 7 Big Pal, 8 Pliant, Trumps, 10 Sir Humphrey, County Broker, 16 others.
FORM: STEEPLE BELL (9-0) bt Anstruther (9-7) ½l (York, 7f, £4,357. Good to soft, Oct 8) with Mr Rose (7-7) 12th of 15. BIG PAL (9-10) bt Firm Evaluation (9-8) NK (Brighton, 1m 2f, £2,083, good to firm, Oct 4). BUNDABURG (8-3) had Trumps (7-10) 6l back in 7th when winning at Salisbury (7f, £2,097, firm, July 28). PALLAVICINA (9-1) 3rd to Bertida (9-10) btn 2½l (Wolverhampton, 9f, £1,726, good to soft, Oct 3). TRUMPS (8-5) bt RAPID LAD (9-9) 1½l (Chepstow, 8f, £1,305, firm, Sep 10). SIR HUMPHREY (8-4) bt Ominous (8-7) ¾l (Lingfield, 1m 2f, £1,985, good, June 25).
Selection: BUNDABURG.

3.0 ROSEBERY HANDICAP (£9,377: 1m 2f) (8)
301 211111- BAHOOR (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 4-9-10 ....G Landau 7 1
304 440032- MIRAMAR REEF (D) (Mrs A Richards) C Brittain 5-8-13 ....T Ives 5
306 111324- WOODCOTE (D) (N Hayley) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-6 ....A Murray 6
307 04000-1 MOON JESTER (T Marshall) M Usher 4-8-6 (5 ex) ....A McGlone 3 2
308 04130-3 RANGEFINDER (D) (S Digby) B Hills 4-8-5 ....S Cauthen 8
311 32341-0 BARRA HEAD (A Struthers) J Dunlop 4-8-12 ....B Rouse 7
312 000100- RIDGEFIELD (CD) (R Doughty) D Thom 6-7-12 ....P Cook 4
313 003410- SERHEAD (Fal Racing Ltd) P Cole 4-7-10 ....R Fox 3
1983: Ridgefield 5-7-10 P Robinson (16-1) D Thom 16 ran.
9-4 Moon Jester, 7-2 Rangefinder, 5 Bahoor, 8 Woodcote, Barra Head, 10 Ridgefield, Serhead, 12 Miramar Reef.
FORM: BAHOOR (8-8) bt Miramar Reef (8-10) 3l (Newmarket, 1m 2f, £13,149, good to firm, Oct 29). MIRAMAR REEF (9-3) ran best race of career when 4th, promoted to 3rd, to Cormorant Wood (8-7), btn 2l, in Champion Stakes (Newmarket) 1m 2f, £91,610, good Oct 15). WOODCOTE 2nd (9-10) to Rekal (8-9) btn sh hd (Goodwood, 1m 2f, £2,261, good, Sep 27). MOON JESTER (8-2) bt Riberetto (7-7) 3l (Kempton, 1m 4f, £4,188, good to soft, Apr 6) with BARRA HEAD (8-3) out of first 8. RANGEFINDER (9-2) 3rd to Joyful Dancer (8-0) btn 2½l (Newbury 8f, £6,607, good, Apr 14). SERHEED (8-8) 4th to Zoffany (9-4), btn 3l, (Newmarket, 9f, £8,077, good, Apr 14).
Selection: MIRAMAR REEF.

3.30 MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (3-y-0: £3,778: 1m 4f) (7)
401 0440-0 ACERCATE (Mrs A Muinos) M Francis 9-7 ....A McGlone 3 1
403 01- PRINCE CROW (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-4 ....A Kimberley 6
404 00-12 WING AND A PRAYER (D) (BF) (D Harrison) A Bailey 9-4 ....T Ives 5
406 43400-0 ACTION TIME (Steve Davies Properties) P Makin 9-2 ....S Cauthen 4
407 1-32 LIBRATE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ....A Clark 2
409 031-1 RISK ALL (C) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-12 (4 ex) ....W Carson 3
411 430-0 ROUGH PEARL (BF) (Esal Commodities' Ltd) G Lewis 8-3 ....M L Thomas 7
1983: (all-aged) Rosaceae 4-9-5 S Cauthen (7-1) I Balding 7 ran.
4-5 Risk All, 3 Librate, 6 Rough Pearl, 10 Prince Crow, 12 Wing And A Prayer, 20 others.

4.0 QUAIL STAKES (£4,666: 6f) (7)
501 01000-0 SAYF EL ARAB (M Debaghi) W O'Gorman 4-9-10 ....M L Thomas 5
503 11/ CLANDESTIN (Miss K Richards) C Austin 5-8-7 ....S Cauthen 1
504 321-494 SINGING SAILOR (BF) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) R Hannon 5-9-7 ....B Rouse 6
506 00204-0 MILK HEART (D) (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 5-9-0 ....G Ramshaw 2
508 31002-0 ANY BUSINESS (D) (Mrs V Lewis) G Lewis 3-8-4 ....P Cook 7
510 22203-0 DERRY RIVER (B) (P Goulandris) D Laing 3-7-13 ....A McGlone 3 3
511 3211-03 EL GAZEBO (H Lebovitz) J Sutcliffe 3-7-13 ....W Carson 4
1983: Sweet Monday 5-9-9 J Matthias (10-1) J Holt 9 ran.
4-6 El Gazebo, 4 Singing Sailor, 8 Milk Heart, Any Business, 12 Sayf El Arab, 25 others.

4.30 RUTH WOOD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £3,036: 1m 4f) (13)
604 6222- DESTROYER (D Muir) K Brassey 9-0 ....P Cook 6
609 0 JAMEEL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ....A Kimberley 2
610 322-2 JERRY CAN (Sheikh Mohammed) Thomson Jones 9-0 ....A Murray 12
612 00-0 LOTTESVILLE (T Richards) C Austin 9-0 ....A McGlone 3 7
613 0-0 MASTER LINE (R Barnett) H Candy 9-0 ....S Cauthen 4
614 0 PALMER MILL (D Ellison) M Bolton 9-0 ....R McGhin 10
615 PENTHOUSE C (B McNeil) J Dunlop 9-0 ....G Ramshaw 5
617 00- ROYAL CRACKER (T Collyer) G Harwood 9-0 ....A Clark 13
619 04-3 SCHOLAR (R Sangster) P Walwyn 9-0 ....B Rouse 1
620 00 SHANGOSEER (J van Geest) R Williams 9-0 ....T Ives 9
621 00000-0 SHARED JOKE (Miss S Hayes-Sadler) M Bolton 9-0 ....– 8
624 00- MONSOON (Harpartap Singh) Peter Taylor 8-11 ....– 3
625 04- SILENT DANCER (G Tuck) N Vigors 8-11 ....W Carson 11
1983: Wagoner 9-0 J Mercer (5-1) P Walwyn 9 ran.
6-4 Jerry Can, 4 Scholar, 6 Jameel, 8 Silent Dancer, Royal Cracker, 10 Penthouse C, Master Line, 12 Destroyer, 20 others.

NEWCASTLE (ITV)

[Televised: (ITV) 2.15, 2.45]
GOING: good
Draw: No advantage

1.45 JESMOND STAKES (2-y-o: £1,775: 5f) (5 runners)
3 1 CORNWALL (D) B Hills 9-3 ....E Hide 4
6 0 BAY BAZAAR M W Easterby 8-11 ....M Birch 3
7 BOARDMANS VENTURE J Berry 8-11 ....K Darley 5
8 BRAVE BAMBINO J Etherington 8-11 ....M Wood 1
14 0 CAROUSEL NOUGAT J S Wilson 8-8 ....M Fry 2
1983: Oystons Special 8-3 S Morris (11-4) J Berry 6 ran.
4-6 Cornwall, 4 Bay Bazaar, 7 Boardmans Venture, 10 Brave Bambino, 12 Carousel Nougat.

Newcastle selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Cornwall. 2.15 Apatial. 2.45 Vintage Toll. 3.15 Riberetto. 3.45 Tuft Hill. 4.15 Clunk Click.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Apatial. 2.45 Lobkowiez. 3.15 Riberetto. 4.15 Clunk Click.

By Michael Seely
2.45 MOORES METAL (nap). 3.45 Remembrance. 4.15 Clunk Click.

2.15 POLYCELL–WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE CHALLENGE (ROUND 2) (3-y-o: £2,456: 1m) (6)
2 03- REDGRAVE ARTIST R Whitaker 9-0 ....– 1
3 3 APATIAL B Hanbury 8-11 ....– 3
4 0- ELECTRIFIED W Elsey 8-11 ....B McGiff 4
5 0220- INNOCENT MAID P Rohan 8-11 ....J Quinn 2
8 NODOUBLE'S DANCER J W Watts 8-11 ....E Turner 6
9 04- PROPRIETY J Hindley 8-11 ....A Schoults 5
1983: No corresponding race.
7-4 Apatial, 11-4 Redgrave Artist, 9-2 Propriety, 6 Nodouble's Dancer, 8 Innocent Maid, 12 Electrified.
FORM: REDGRAVE ARTIST (8–11) 3rd to Claude Monet (8–11) btn 1l (Doncaster, 7f, £1,491, good, Oct 21). ELECTRIFIED (8–4) 9th to Seattle Siren (8–3) btn 9l (York, 6f, £4,006, good to firm, Sep 1). INNOCENT MAID (8–11) 2nd to Sobrante Qintez (8–11) btn 1l (Hamilton, 6f, £1,252, good, Sep 27). PROPRIETY (8–11) 4th to Really Honest (8–11) btn 4l (Redcar, 6f, £890, good to firm, Oct 25).
Selection: REDGRAVED ARTIST.

2.45 HARTONCLEAN CENTENARY HANDICAP (£5,970: 1m) (13)
1 /0000- JOHNNY NOBODY (D) H Blackshaw 4-9-10 ....Tizziana Sozzi 6
2 020-2 LOBKOWIEZ (D) (BF) C Brittain 5-9-6 ....P Robinson 3
3 000-0 SILVER SEASON (D) C A Bell 5-9-4 ....G Duffield 2
5 00-00 MOORES METAL (D) R Hollinshead 4-8-12 ....W Ryan 5 9
6 0300- PRICEOFLOVE P Calver 4-8-7 ....M Beecroft 4
7 0013- BARRIE BABY (D) C Booth 4-8-7 ....G Oldroyd 8
8 233-2 VINTAGE TOLL J FitzGerald 4-8-6 ....E Hide 5
10 00-00 ROMOSS (D) (BF) R Whitaker 6-8-3 ....J Bleasdale 7
12 13-02 MARSHALLA (D) Capt J Wilson 4-8-0 ....K Darley 11
14 030-0 HOLMBURY G Huffer 4-7-12 ....M Miller 13
15 000-0 AFRICAN PEARL J S Wilson 6-7-10 ....M Fry 1
16 00-00 EVEN BANKER (D) (BF) (B) D Sasse 5-7-7 ....M McKay 10
17 40-00 BANOCO (D) T Craig 6-7-7 ....J Lowe 12
1983: O I Oyston 7-8-11 K Darley (13-8 fav) J Berry 5 ran.
11-4 Vintage Toll, 7-2 Marshalla, 9-2 Lobkowiez, 6 Holmbury, 8 Barrie Baby, 10 Romoss, 12 Silver Season, 20 others.
FORM: JOHNNY NOBODY (10-0) 5th to Star Of A Gunner (8–0) btn 1l (Doncaster, 8f, £3,326, good to firm, Nov 5). SILVER SEASON (8–2) 7th to Spanish Place (8–13) btn 4½l (Doncaster, 8f, £8,788, good, Mar 22). VINTAGE TOLL (8–4) 2nd to Saving Mercy (8–8) in Lincoln, btn 1½l (Doncaster, 8f, £17,205, soft, Mar 24) with MOORES METAL (8–13) 10th and MARSHALLA (8–1) 15th. MOORE'S METAL (8–5) 8th to Joyful Dancer (8–0), btn 5l, with HOLMBURY (8–5) out of first 10 (Newbury, 8f, £6,607, good, Apr 14). ROMOSS (9–11) 11th to Qualitair Prince (8–8) btn 9l (Hamilton, 8f, £2,20, soft, Apr 11) with ELEVEN BANKER 9th and BANOCO 11th.
Selection: SILVER SEASON.

3.15 FOREST HALL HANDICAP (£2,355: 1m 4f 60yd) (16)
1 30-10 REGAL STEEL (CD) R Hollinshead 6-10-0 ....W Ryan 5 6
2 0032 CARTER'S WAY T Craig 4-9-4 ....G Oldroyd 12
3 10-10 PRINCE CONCORDE (C) (BF) E Carter 4-9-3 ....Wendy Carter 7 5
4 9000- HOLD TIGHT R Whitaker 5-9-1 ....K Darley 3
6 4913- PRINCE SANTIAGO Denys Smith 5-8-10 ....D Leadbitter 7 8
7 000-2 RIBERETTO A Hide 6-8-8 ....E Hide 15
10 00-12 DROMODAN (BF) M H Easterby 4-8-7 ....M Birch 13
13 00-03 NORTH BRITON C Brittain 5-8-5 ....P Robinson 2
15 321-1 HAZEL BUSH M Prescott 4-8-5 ....G Duffield 4
16 213-0 INDIAN MOONSHINE A Balding 4-8-1 ....N Connorton 9
18 440-1 TRICKSHOT (B) N Tinkler 5-8-0 ....L Charnock 14
19 000-0 MAN IN THE MIDDLE (B) D Sasse 8-7-13 ....D McKay 16
21 133-0 POINT NORTH (CD) W H Williams 6-7-10 ....– 10
22 /000- APPLE ORCHARD P Rohan 4-7-7 ....M Wood 1
23 /00-0 BLUEBIRDINO Mrs J Ramsden 5-7-7 ....P O'Reilly 7 11
25 00-02 COTTAGE STYLE W A Stephenson 5-7-7 ....J Lowe 7
1983: Regal Steel 5-9-9 Paul Eddery (4-7 fav) R Hollinshead 3 ran.
7-2 Riberetto, 9-2 Dromodan, 11-2 North Briton, 6 Hazel Bush, 8 Trickshot, Cottage Style, 10 Prince Concorde, 12 Regal Steel, 20 others.

3.45 NORTHERN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,928: 7f) (13)
4 3410- DERRYGOLD (D) R D Peacock 9-7 ....E Hide 13
5 040-2 TUFT HILL J Etherington 9-1 ....G Duffield 6
6 02-02 PHILSTAR (B) W Elsey 9-0 ....M Wood 5
7 10-0 ALL FAIR R Whitaker 9-0 ....K Darley 4
8 2300- NEWMARKET SAUSAGE (B) S Norton 8-11 ....J Lowe 2
9 3413- BAMBA (D) E Weymes 8-10 ....– 1
10 010-1 DORSET VENTURE (D) B Morgan 8-8 (6 ex) ....P Robinson 8
11 423-3 SILVER TOKEN (CD) (B) T Fairhurst 8-4 ....S Webster 7
12 000-3 REMEMBRANCE J W Watts 8-4 ....N Connorton 11
13 000-0 GAN ON LAD (C) Denys Smith 8-2 ....M Fry 9
14 310-0 ELECTRIFYING P Calver 8-0 ....M Beecroft 3
17 002-0 FIFTY QUID SHORT Mrs M Nesbitt 7-7 ....L Charnock 10
18 103-0 PALACE ROCKET T Craig 7-7 ....W Ryan 5 12
1983: Annamoe Bray 7-7 W Ryan (25-1) J H Wilson 11 ran.
3 Dorset Venture, 7-2 Tuft Hill, 9-2 Silver Token, 8 Remembrance, 8 Bamba, 10 Derrygold, 12 Philstar, 20 others.

4.15 KILLINGWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,601: 7f) (20)
1 000-0 AFRICAN CONNECTION M W Easterby 9-0 ....– 8
3 40-3 BATON BOY R Hobson 9-0 ....O Gray 15
6 4000- COTTON PRINT J Etherington 9-0 ....M Wood 13
7 0- KHACHATURIAN S Norton 9-0 ....J Lowe 3
8 0230- LOCHFEN K Stone 9-0 ....L Charnock 8
10 40- MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN C Thornton 9-0 ....J Bleasdale 18
11 000- NEEDWOOD LEADER B Morgan 9-0 ....W Ryan 10
12 440- PRINCE OBERON W Haigh 9-0 ....G Oldroyd 12
13 030- TROMEROS C Brittain 9-0 ....P Robinson 7
17 00 BOMBAY BIBI Capt J Wilson 8-11 ....K Darley 6
18 04- CLUNK CLICK J Hindley 8-11 ....G Duffield 9
20 300-0 LINPAC LEAF W Elsey 8-11 ....E Hide 20
21 000- LYPTOSOL VELVET (B) P Calver 8-11 ....M Beecroft 11
22 RAINBOW LADY E Weymes 8-11 ....– 19
23 0 ROYAL REFLECTIONS W Storey 8-11 ....– 16
24 SUZEL M H Easterby 8-11 ....M Birch 17
25 0223- TAPOUSCHA W Haigh 8-11 ....S Webster 1
26 0 THATCHOVA T Barron 8-11 ....M Fry 14
27 0- WORD OF HONOUR C Thornton 8-11 ....A Mills 4
28 02- ZAIDE R D Peacock 8-11 ....N Connorton 5
1983: Hard Kingdom 9-0 E Hide (4-9 fav) G Wragg 5 ran.
11-4 Clunk Click, 7-2 Tromeros, 4 Baton Bay, 6 Zaide, 7 Khachaturian, 10 Lochfen, 12 Tapouscha, 16 others.

Cecil delays Keen 2000 decision

By Michael Seely

Henry Cecil is to wait until the weekend before deciding whether Keen runs in the 2,000 Guineas. The four-times champion trainer said: "Keen went to sleep in front. He's only a big baby. I want to wait and see how he's taken yesterday's race.

The meeting between El Gran Senor, Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest already promises to be the most exciting confrontation in the first of the colts' classics since that epic battle between Brigadier Gerard, Mill Reef and My Swallow in 1971. Keen's exhilerating sprint for home in the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton on Saturday s stamped this commanding colt as certain to be in the same class as his full brothers, Kris and Dieses.

Lord Howard de Walden, one of Britain's leading owner-breeders added, "I want to have a go at the cracks in the Guineas, but Henry feels that the colt is still rather immature, having only had two races. He is wondering whether a hard fight against the stars at this stage of Keen's career might harm his chances of winning other good races later in the season".

If Keen is allowed to take his chance in the line-up at Newmarket, he will be attempting to succeed where Kris failed so narrowly against Tap On Wood in 1979. The Sharpen Up colt will also be trying



Cecil: waiting

to give one of racing's most able administrators his first classic triumph on Saturday, May 5.

It was impossible to fault the style of Keen's victory. Accelerating smoothly away from his rivals early in the straight, he passed the post four lengths ahead of the hard-driven Raami in a time that was only .38 seconds outside the track record.

A full sister to this illustrious trio has been foaled. "I needed a filly to continue the line", Lord Howard continued, "but I'm now using my other stallions to get a change of blood.

Greville Starkey was lucky to escape with nothing worse than concussion and a shaking when the two-year-old newcomer Silken Record broke a leg an had to be put down during the Redfern Maiden Stakes.

Starkey, detained in Ashford Hospital overnight, was automatically stood down for seven days and misses the ride on Guy Harwood's Roussillon in tomorrow's French 2,000 Guineas, but he should be back in plenty of time for Lear Fan in the English 2,000. Pat Eddery takes Starkey's place on Roussillon.

CHEPSTOW (BBC)

Televised (BBC1): 2.0, 2.35, 3.10
GOING: firm

2.0 MATHERN HANDICAP HURDLE abt 3m. Penalty Value (3,506:3m) (9 runners).
1 0013 WOLLOW WILL F Winter 5-11-10 ....J Francome
6 1120 BREAC BAN (D) R Champion 6-10-9 ....H Davies
7 3300 RIGTON BEAU G Kindersley 7-10-7 ....A Webber
10 1f12 TRUST THE KING N Henderson 8-10-7 ....P Croucher 7
11 0043 INDIANA DARE (B) (CD) J Jenkins 8-10-6 ....S Smith Eccles
13 f3/00 NO PARDON A L Hobbs 9-10-4 ....M Perrett
16 0411 FITZHERBERT (D) L Kennard 6-10-3 (4 ex) ....C Brown
25 3003 BROSBURY D H Jones 5-10-0 ....C Seward
28 1/p-0p PANKINS HART (D) M Tate 8-10-0 ....P Scudamore
1983: Asmar 7-10-11 C Mann (5-1) N Henderson 10 ran.
5-2 Fitzherbert, 100-30 Trust The King, 4 Wollow Will, 6 Rigton Beau, 8 Indiana Dare, 10 Breac Ban, 14 No Pardon, 16 others.
FORM: FITZHERBERT (10-1) bt TRUST THE KING (10-7) by 6l (Ascot, 3m, £5,238, good to firm, Apr 7) with WOLLOW WILL (11-7) 2½l back in 3rd and RIGTON BEAU (10-3) 10th. FITZHERBERT (10-6) bt Fearless Seal (11-8) by 1½l (Cheltenham, 3m, £1,625, good, Apr 12). BREAC BAN, Unplaced to Lochboisdale (10-10) at Liverpool (2m 5f Nov, £3,896, good, Mar 30) INDIANA DARE (11-3) 3rd to Anex (10-11) at Newbury (3m, £1,998, good, Mar 2).
Selection: FITZHERBERT.

Chepstow selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Breac Ban. 2.35 Kings Bishop. 3.10 Boreen Prince. 3.40 Mister Golden. 4.10 Grey Dolphin. 4.40 Hot Potato.

2.35 DAILY MIRROR PUNTERS CLUB NOVICES' CHASE (£2,625:3m) (7)
1 4431 KING'S BISHOP L Kennard 7-11-11 ....C Brown
2 3424 PALMYRA-COURT F Winter 8-11-11 ....J Francome
10 -0pu0 BALLY TASK D H Jones 8-11-3 ....C Seward
13 1214p DOCTOR FITZ (D) M Tate 9-11-3 ....S Smith Eccles
17 00p3 NORTH DOWN N M Morgan 8-11-3 ....Mr J Weston
21 4281 SWINGLETREE (B) (BF) F Walwyn 8-11-3 ....S Shilton
23 f120 BRONWYN Mrs S Davenport 7-11-2 ....P Scudamore
1983: Herr Capitan 7-11-7 Mr E Whettham (10-11 fav) J Old 8 ran.
2 King's Bishop, 11-4 Palmyra-Court, 5 Swingletree, 13-2 Doctor Fitz, 8 Bronwyn, 12 North Down, 16 Bally Task.

3.10 WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE)£7,778:2m) (6)
1 0p00 ALBION PRINCE (D) P Rodford 10-11-9 ....Christine Young
2 0202 BOREEN PRINCE (D) A McNamara (Ire) 7-11-9 ....–
3 0002 CARDINAL FLOWER (D) A Scott 7-11-9 ....H Davies
6 1120 BAJAN SUNSHINE (D) M Tate 5-11-8 ....S Smith Eccles
8 1109 HILL'S GUARD (D) A Scott 5-11-8 ....NON-RUNNER
9 0310 RA NOVA (D) Mrs N Kennedy 5-11-8 ....M Perrett
1983: Ekbalco 7-12-0 J O'Neill (8-11 fav) R Fisher 3 ran.
5-2 Boreen Prince, 11-4 Ra Nova, 100-30 Cardinal Flower, Bajan Sunshine, 66 Albion Prince.
FORM: BOREEN PRINCE (11-7) 2nd to Rushmoor (10-11), btn sh hd, with STANS PRIDE (11-3) 3rd, btn 1½l (Ascot, 2m h'cap, £4,729, good, Apr 4). CARDINAL FLOWER (11-0) btn nk by Rushmoor (10-13) at Ayr (2m h'cap, £4,331, good, Apr 13). BAJAN SUNSHINE (11-3) 5th to Browne's Gazette (11-11) btn 17l (Liverpool, 2m Nov, £4,597, good, Mar 29). RA NOVA (11-1) 5th to Dawn Run (11-9) btn 15l (Leopardstown, 2m, £21,754, good, Feb 18) when Boreen Prince (11-4) 2nd, btn 5l.

3.40 CASTLE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. 1; 4-y-o: £894:2m) (5)
2 3440 MISTER GOLDEN (D) F Winter 11-9 ....J Francome
4 2401 SHENTON WAY (B) (D) J Jenkins 11-3 ....S Smith Eccles
6 03 KELLY'S BOY N Gaselee 11-0 ....V McKevitt
9 KUWAIT SUN M Tate 11-0 ....P Scudamore
13 00pf IRISH CORN D N Carey 10-9 ....G Davies
1983: Notre Cheval 11-3 P Scudamore (5-1) D Nicholson 8 ran.
7-4 Mister Golden, 15-8 Shenton Way, 3 Kuwait Sun, 5 Kelly's Boy, 25 Irish Corn.

4.10 BEACHLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,961:2m) (6)
2 1211 GREY DOLPHIN (B) (CD) J M Bradley 9-11-10 ....G Davies
4 1244 LUCYFAR (D) F Walwyn 8-11-0 ....S Shilston
6 2102 JUBILEE MEDAL (B) (D) N Henderson 7-10-10 ....J Francome
9 0006 COMEDIAN (D) D Nicholson 6-10-5 ....P Scudamore
14 2u02 TUDOR ROAD (D) L Kennard 9-10-1 ....C Brown
16 1010 SWORDSMAN (D) T Forster 9-10-0 ....H Davies
1983: Walnut Wonder 8-10-2 G Charles-Jones (8-4 fav) R Hickman 3 ran.
11-4 Lucyfar, 100-30 Jubilee Medal, 4 Grey Dolphin, 5 Comedian, 8 Tudor Road, 8 Swordsman.

4.40 CASTLE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II: £894:2m) (4)
6 2014 RHYTHMIC PASTIME J Jenkins 11-3 ....J Francome
9 0000 HOT POTATO M Tate 11-0 ....P Sudamore
12 p0p0 SPANKING (B) I Maddocks 11-0 ....G Davies
13 0011 TRY TO REMEMBER (D) R Holder 10-12 ....N Coleman 7
1983: Cantabile 10-10 G Evans (9-4) Miss S Griffiths 5 ran.
10-11 Rhythmic Pastime, 11-8 Try To Rember, 5 Hot Potato, 33 Spanking.

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Racing: Runners, riders and betting for 11 National Hunt programmes

Carlisle

2.15 WARNELL FELL 4YO NOVICES HURDLE (£546: 2m 33yd) (15 runners)

2 913 Ragabury 11-10 K Teelan 4
3 180 Royal Opportunity (B) 11-10 C Grant
4 000 Chi Mai (B) 11-0 -
5 00p Christowe Boy 11-0 Mrs G Rees
7 04p Hatteras 11-0 N Doughty
8 041 High Drop 11-10 S Storey 4
9 Home Leave 11-0 -
10 040 Jotus North 11-0 NON-RUNNER
13 Sernol 11-0 -
15 000 Sydatzky 11-0 S Charlton
16 0 Triple Award 11-0 Mrs M Kendall
17 Cheeny's Brig 10-9 T G Dun
20 000 Gaesmole Girl 10-9 D Nolan
21 008 Kellel 10-9 P Barry
22 0 Sainte Parfait 10-9 -

11-8 High Drop. 11-4 Ragabury. 4 Hatteras. 13-2 Royal Opportunity.

2.45 SOUTHWAITE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,035: 2m) (11)

1 13p Royal Radar 8-11-13 Mr J Walton
5 003 Birsby 10-11-2 K Jones
6 911 Dennis Auburn 7-11-1 R Crank
8 482 Moor Dreamer 8-11-0 N Doughty
9 030 Ronan-Paul (B) 11-10-11 M Barnes
11 424 Balcraig 9-10-5 S Charlton
12 010 Saint-Nunn 10-10-4 T G Dun
13 881 No Mystery 8-10-3 J O'Gorman 7
15 003 Grandogan 9-10-0 C Grant
16 018 Old Head 12-10-0 D Nolan
19 0b0 Trahgual -

5-2 Moon Dreamer. 3 Birsby. 5 Royal Radar. 13-2 Balcraig.

3.15 BORDER GARDEN CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE (£782: 2m 330yd) (25)

1 003 Air Space 5-12-0 J Walton
5 000 Belfitice 6-12-0 R Shields 7
6 0-0p Billsbay 7-12-0 D Swindlehurst 7
7 Bronze Hugo 7-12-0 M Grassick 7
8 000 Dacimid 5-12-0 D Shaw
10 Fiddler's Hill 7-12-0 Miss J Carnegie 7
11 04p First Knowe 6-12-0 R Robinson 7
12 000 Fort Nelson 6-12-0 S Cunningham 7
13 323 Frosty Touch 6-12-0 -
15 p- Hennon 5-12-0 C Storey 7
16 000 Hasty Impart 5-12-0 Miss R Lock 7
17 300 Its A Capper 6-12-0 S Swiers 7
18 000 Krypton 6-12-0 Mrs G Rees 4
19 000 Northumbria-Sport 5-12-0 J Quinn 7
20 4-33 Prince Sol 5-12-0 T Jeffrey 7
21 00-0 Rochman 6-12-0 Mrs P Rigby
28 000 The Rallags 5-12-0 R Tate 7
32 00 Cnilel Mist 6-11-9 L Hudson 7
34 0/ Hawkings Pleasure 10-11-9 Miss J Simpson 7
37 Millhouse Majic 6-11-9 Mrs W Sullivan 7
38 Miss Rubbish 6-11-9 T Brockbank 7
40 00/0 Northside 8-11-9 M Thompson
41 0-00 Rehrosa 6-11-9 -
44 p00 Bantel Bowmen 4-11-7 A Dudgeon 4
45 00 Hutil 4-11-7 S Love 7

9-4 Air Space. 3 Frosty Touch. 9-2 Its A Capper. 6 Prince Sol.

3.45 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,123: 3m 100yd) (10)

1 104 Burn Nooka (B) 7-12-3 -
2 138 Chetel 10-11-1 Mr A Dudgeon 4
4 a00 First April 8-11-0 P A Charlton
5 32p Palm Cross 7-10-9 P Barry
6 440 Glen Willy 6-10-7 -
7 444 Islander 12-10-6 S Charlton
15 449 Tamarind Gem 8-10-0 K Teelan
16 012 Gunsmith 11-10-0 N Doughty
17 030 Pilton 6-10-0 J O Gorman 7
18 038 Sandcracker 5-10-0 Mandy Harrison 7

11-10 Burn Nooka. 15-8 Chetel. 11-2 Gunsmith. 12 Glen Willy.

4.15 JOHN McKIE MAIDEN HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs: £528: 3m) (12)

2 028 Caldwell Case 9-12-7 S Swiers 7
3 Daniels Dunns 11-12-7 -
4 0pl Friars Peak 6-12-7 M Meagher 4
7 f3 Maritz 8-12-7 Mrs S Redfern 7
8 -p-2 Mr Spot 7-12-7 R Shiels 7
10 b4f- Peace Clash 7-12-7 J Greenall 7
13 030/ Troops Tale 11-12-7 C Storey 7
15 Gladstonian 6-12-2 -
17 Questionnaire 12-12-2 -
19 3 Sir Rodney 7-12-2 -
21 f Comarch 6-11-11 R Tate 7
23 000 Miss Colemeadie 7-11-11 R Drysdale 7

11-8 Mr Spot. 9-4 Sir Rodney. 4 Maritz. 10 Caldwell Case.

4.45 MOORHOUSE NOVICES' CHASE (£880: 3m) (6)

1 211 Powder Horn 7-11-11 Mr N Tutty 7
5 p04 Newstead 8-11-9 N Doughty
12 p02 Bobby Brown 7-11-2 -
19 4fp Muckknock 9-11-2 -
21 081 On Leave 7-11-2 A Brown
25 0u0 Raby 5-10-2 M Meagher 4

5-4 Powder Horn. 5-2 Bobby Brown. 5 On Leave. 8 Newstead.

5.15 PETER MARSH STAKES (N.H. FLAT RACE: £942: 2m 330yd) (19)

1 1 Gone With The Vet 5-11-13 M Hill 7
2 1 Sutton Bank 6-11-13 NON-RUNNER
3 0 Cassel's 5-11-6 -
5 Gowan House 5-11-6 K Jones
11 Royal Enigma 5-11-6 -
13 0 Beltapart 5-11-1 Mr N Tutty 7
16 0 Pasnoflyst 6-11-1 Mr A Ezbank
17 Easter Brig 4-11-0 Miss M Bell
18 000 Kamal Siddiqi 4-11-0 J Duggan 7
19 Lock 'N' Pep 4-11-0 Mr J McLaren
20 0 Rush Prince 4-11-0 Mr J Walton
21 Rotate 4-11-0 Mr C Storey 7
22 Selborne Star 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER
24 Surpass 4-11-0 Mr R Tate
26 0 Bannow Barn 4-10-9 Miss A Rogers 7
29 Grassgill Amy 4-10-9 -
30 Kings Joy 4-10-9 Mr R Foster
31 0 Miss Exquisious 4-10-9 Mrs P Rigby
32 0 Perfect Image 4-10-9 J O'Gorman 7

Evens Gone With The Vet. 3 Kamal Siddiqi. 5 Gowan House.

CARLISLE SELECTIONS (By Mandarin)
2.15 Ragabury. 2.45 Royal Radar. 3.15 Frosty Touch. 3.45 Burn Nooka. 4.15 Sir Rodney. 4.45 Powder Horn. 5.15 Gone With The Vet.

Wetherby

2.0 WHARFEDALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,005: 2m) (9 runners)

8 030 Trocadero 5-11- -
9 00-0 Willerby 7-11-4 K Milner
11 0ff Marjoriam 5-11-6 R O'Leary
20 003 Star Bella 5-10-4 C Wardman 7
21 000 Track Secret 5-10-3 C Pimlott
22 000 Thumps 8-10-3 NON-RUNNER
24 0p/0- Frankie 11-10-2 R Earnshaw
26 000 Corven 7-10-1 P Tuck
29 340 Julie Simone 9-10-0 Susan Kersey 7

11-8 Trocadero. 3 Julie Simone. 9-2 Willerby. 6 Star Bella.

2.35 HARROGATE NOVICES' CHASE (£2,247: 2m 50yd) (6)

1 112 Allerlea 6-11-10 P Tuck
4 p40 Barryphillips Disco 7-11-0 C Pimlott
6 0f0 Box Of Tricks 9-11-0 -
9 2p Saintly Scholar 8-11-0 R Earnshaw
11 p10 Lord Of The Hills 5-10-12 A Stringer
12 32p Sandrek 11-10-9 R Lamb

2-7 Allerlea. 11-2 Saintly Scholar. 10 Lord Of The Hills. 14 Sandrek.

3.10 H. S. COMMERCIAL SPARES HANDICAP CHASE (£7,647: 3m 100yd) (4)

2 100 Silver Buck 12-11-8 R Earnshaw
8 31p Good Crack 7-10-6 C Pimlott
12 00p Jetharts Here 10-10-0 R Lamb
15 434 Red Clerk 10-10-0 R Strange

8-4 Silver Buck. 5-2 Good Crack. 100-30 Red Clerk. 11-2 Jetharts Here.

3.45 BILTON NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,259: 2m) (5)

2 122 Sweet Colleen 11-2 A Dickman
6 010 Mount Rule 11-0 -
10 Kildare Lad 10-7 A Stringer
13 2 Verbarium 10-7 R Lamb
14 000 Heavenly Princess 10-2 D Shaw 4

8-13 Sweet Colleen. 4 Verbarium. 13-2 Kildare Lad. 10 Mount Rule.



Michael Dickinson: strong challenge at Wetherby

4.20 CROSSLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,682: 2m 4f 100yd) (5)

4 121 W Six Times 7-11-7 R Earnshaw
5 021 Direct Line 10-11-6 (7 ex) R O'Leary
6 124 Don't Forget 10-11-5 C Pimlott
8 114 Sea Merchant 7-11-2 R Lamb
13 2p0 Kumon Sunshine 7-10-0 -

13-8 W Six Times. 5-2 Direct Line. 4 Sea Merchant. 11-2 Don't Forget. 16 Kumon Sunshine.

4.55 WILSTROP NOVICES' HURDLE (Amateurs: £548: 3m) (10)

1 123 Run Over 6-11-11 P J Dun 7
3 331 Amantiss 6-11-6 T Easterby
5 228 Barley Brake 8-11-1 -
10 000 Golden Ty 6-11-1 C Sample 7
16 00-0 Tellmax 6-11-1 P O'Connor 7
17 04u Welfare 6-11-1 -
20 000 Maracas Bay (B) 5-11-0 N Waggott 7
23 Whitley Barn 5-11-0 -
28 000 Hammerback 9-10-10 Mrs D Charley 7
32 438 Precious Sue 5-10-9 S Whitaker 7

4-7 Run Over. 15-8 Amantiss. 14 Precious Sue. Barley Brake.

WETHERBY SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin) 2.0 Star Bella. 2.35 Allerlea. 3.10 Red Clerk. 3.45 Sweet Colleen. 4.20 W Six Times. 4.55 Run Over.

Newton Abbot

2.30 H. A. FOX HANDICAP CHASE (£2,649: 2m 150yd) (8 runners)

6 112 Wing Velvet 8-11-7 Philip Hobbs
8 410 Zelda's Fancy 8-11-5 M Hammond 4
13 320 Quazar Light 7-10-11 B Powell 7
14 404 Double Step 7-10-11 P Barton
18 440 Wellop (B) 9-10-3 J Frost
20 040 Owen Glendower 7-10-0 P Richards
23 u30 Chocolate Imp 11-10-0 -
24 0p0 Silent Flier (B) 10-10-0 C Gray 4

9-4 Quazar Light. 3 Zelda's Fancy. 7-2 Wing Velvet. 6 Double Step.

3.5 MULSANNE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£564: 2m 150yd) (11)

5 0p4 Ringabing 6-11-7 R Linley
7 100 Just Grayle (B) 5-11-6 -
8 u00 Princess Isis 6-11-5 M Richards 4
12 030 Lift High (B) 5-11-1 B Powell 7
14 000 Fair Patrick 5-10-11 -
17 000 Irish Williams 4-10-9 B Wright
18 333 Henry's Wench 5-10-9 George Knight
19 000 Darakeen Seiger 5-10-9 J Frost
21 p00 Salicate Moss Rose 4-10-6 M Nuttall 4
23 00- Hasty's Gold (B) 5-10-6 Philip Hobbs
24 00l Baffisham 5-10-6 M Hammond 4

3 Ringabing. 7-2 Henry's Wench. 5 Light High. 6 Just Grayle.

3.40 H. A. FOX EASTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,001: 3m 2f 100yd) (12)

4 300 Aleos 7-11-9 Mr E Whettam
8 400 Gold Measure 7-10-13 R Dickin
11 f3f New Note 9-10-10 B Powell
12 482 Gathaboorn 8-10-9 M Richards 4
13 041 Party Miss 9-10-9 (7 ex) R Linley
18 /0p Triple Secret (B) 6-10-4 M Nuttall 4
19 340 Midbattle 7-10-3 Philip Hobbs
26 104 My Always 9-10-0 M Yeoman 7
29 000 Moon Lass 6-10-0 R Dennis 4
31 /3p Ashbury Lad 7-10-0 -
32 0p0 Golden Cymbal (B) 9-10-0 M O'Halloran
34 00/ Native Trail 9-10-0 J Frost

5-2 Party Miss. 7-2 Gathaboorn. 4 Aleos. 7 New Note.

4.15 HON CHARLES ROLLS NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,118: 2m 5f 110yd) (15)

1 340 Golden Match 6-11-10 C Evans 7
3 000 Paradi Nickel 6-11-10 A Geering 7
5 030 Bell The Gate 5-11-3 Mr P Schofield 4
7 130 Far-Kill 6-11-3 M Richards 4
19 000 Gala Dancer 6-10-10 J Cosgrave 7
22 021 Japicrg 6-10-10 -
23 200 Jolly Mac 6-10-10 -
25 Laughter Lines 5-10-10 NON-RUNNER
27 020 Major Setback 5-10-10 NON-RUNNER
29 000 Mickey Tim 7-10-10 Jessica Turner 7
34 202 Prince Buskins 9-10-10 J Frost
38 000 Tarside 5-10-10 NON-RUNNER
41 000 Culm Valley 8-10-5 Mr C Down 7
44 0-p Hazy Boko 9-10-5 -
48 pff Seal Shrew 8-10-5 George Knight

3 Major Setback. 4 Jolly Mac. 5 Far-Kill. 6 Prince Buskins.

4.50 SIR HENRY ROYCE NOVICES' CHASE (£2,368: 3m 2f 100yd) (7)

2 1p0 Pampas Melody 8-11-11 J Frost
4 113 Culm Port 10-11-6 Mr C Down 7
7 0ul North Lane 7-11-6 J Hurst 7
15 000 Calling Comment (B) 9-11-1 B Wright
20 000 Mal 7-11-1 M O'Halloran
21 442 Middleriver 7-11-1 P Barton
28 000 Son Of Oliver 8-11-1 Jessica Turner 7

7-4 Middleriver. 9-4 Culm Port. 3 North Lane. 4 Pampas Melody.

5.25 SPIRIT OF ECSTASY NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o: £876: 2m 150yd) (10)

7 632 Whenever 10-12 J Frost
10 000 Cenci's Rock (B) 10-10 B Powell 7
11 040 Coombe Spirit (B) 10-10 C Evans 7
12 100 Derrynson (B) 10-10 -
16 Little Bay 10-10 M Yeoman 7
17 Lord Chaulieu (B) 10-10 R Dennis 4
20 p Rowlandill 10-10 Jessica Turner 7
25 pp Dusty Dora 10-5 C Gray 4
29 002 Paddy's Belle 10-5 -
30 000 Redgrave Rose 10-5 NON-RUNNER

13-8 Whenever. 7-2 Derrynson. 9-2 Paddy's Belle. 5 Redgrave Rose.

NEWTON ABBOT SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.30 Quazar Light. 3.5 Lift High. 3.40 Aleos. 4.15 Japicrg. 4.50 Middleriver. 5.25 Whenever.

Fakenham

2.15 RAYNHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,170: 2m 80yd) (6 runners)

5 000 Vagabond Victor 8-11-7 -
8 400 Grangehill 9-11-4 J McLaughlin
16 100 Narsinh 5-10-11 Mr S Sherwood
18 ppp Singing Foal 8-10-9 R Muggeridge 7
23 00p Miss Date 5-10-3 K Whyte
27 00p Tewoke 9-10-0 K Townend

4-7 Narsinh. 3 Vagabond Victor. 9-2 Miss Date. 10 Grangehill.

2.50 QUEEN'S CUP HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs: £1,349: 3m)

1 143- Lightvale 10-12-5 T Moore 7
2 0/10- Royal Missile 7-12-5 P Greenall
3 4/1- Spare Slipper 12-12-5 -
4 2 Cool Secret (B) 8-11-12 W Wales 7
5 0p/0- General Fastabout 8-11-12 P Wales 7
6 0p-4 Loman 8-11-12 D Candlion 7
8 0-u0 Patrickswell 6-11-12 S Sherwood
11 0-p3 Saldatore 7-11-12 D Turner

15-8 Cool Secret. 5-2 Royal Missile. 3 Spare Slipper. 10 Saldatore.

3.25 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,257: 2m 80yd) (5)

1 344 Garfunkel 5-12-7 A Wright 7
2 203 Stray Shot 6-12-6 G Charles-Jones 7
3 0p0 Senor Romana 5-11-6 J McLaughlin 4
8 b00 Vodkatini 5-10-8 J Lovejoy
13 000 King's Piccolo 7-10-0 C Smith

7-4 Stray Shot. 5-2 Garfunkel. 7-2 Vodkatini. 9-2 Senor Romana. 16-1 King's Piccolo.

4.0 ROBERT HOARE HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs: £1,427: 2m) (9)

1 b13 Cookie Ora 11-12-4 P Greenall
6 223 New Lyric (B) 9-11-8 P Tasmo 7
8 11p/ Roundtown 11-11-8 D Turner
10 0p/2- Searching Wind 12-11-6 W Wales 7
11 020/ Skryne 14-11-8 A Garvey 7
14 0/33 Susan's Mistake 8-11-3 W Barber 7
15 Corked 5-11-0 S Sherwood 7
16 Lock Ard 5-11-0 S Cowell 7
17 Hot Jackie 5-10-9 T Moore 7

6-4 Cookie Ora. 3 New Lyric. 7-2 Roundtown. 6 Susan's Mistake.

4.35 GENERAL REFRIGERATION NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,220: 2m 80yd) (9)

2 221 Wojo (B) 4-11-8 J McLaughlin
6 0p0 Star Charter 4-10-11 Mr S Sherwood
7 0p0 Rhymer's Tower 5-10-10 G Charles-Jones 7
11 021 Pelham Line 4-10-7 C Smith
12 202 Greedy Glow 4-10-7 J Burke
15 003 Alma-Candy 4-10-5 J Lovejoy
17 00a Dollymixture Boy 6-10-4 M Wilson
20 p00 Halyard 4-10-0 -
21 420 Military Crowe 7-10-0 -

2 Wojo. 3 Pelham Line. Star Charter. 5 Rhymers Tower.

5.10 SILVER JUBILEE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,517: 3m) (5)

2 130 Paddy's Peril (B) 8-11-10 Mr P Greenall
4 101 Sea Splash 8-10-11 (5 ex) M Brennan
6 010 Dr Pepper 7-10-2 J Lovejoy
7 024 Bayham Sir Vardon 10-10-0 Mr S Sherwood
8 4u4 Fantasy 11-10-0 C Smith

11-8 Sea Splash. 9-4 Paddys Peril. 4 Dr Pepper. 6 Bayham Sir Vardon.

FAKENHAM SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin) 2.15 Narsinh. 2.45 Royal Missile. 3.25 Stray Shot. 4.0 Corked. 4.35 Wojo. 5.10 Paddy's Peril.

Huntingdon

2.0 EASTER SELLING HANDICAP (£641: 2m 200yd) (16 runners)

1 f Mr Coltcloot 5-12-7 -
5 0/p0 Nickadventure 8-11-7 Mr R Harper
8 00p Halton Tara (B) 8-11-6 G Newman
11 0pp Buchanan 9-11-1 K Burke 7
13 000 Gaelic Touch 7-10-3 P Carvill
15 000 General Patterns 10-10-13 F Byrne 7
18 02-0 Periculo Ludus 8-10-11 -
19 b00 Irish Noble 9-10-9 A Carroll
20 001 Singing Fool 6-10-9 -
21 00f Florence 8-10-9 -
22 000 Essam (B) 6-10-9 Steve Knight
24 p00 Mistress of Time (B) 10-10-6 -
25 000 Boyne Hill 8-10-6 J Suthern
27 000 Grandreams 4-10-2 J A Harris
28 4p0 Mosquito River 7-10-2 Peter Hobbs
29 000 Ravensbourne 11-10-2 I Cox

7-4 Irish Noble. 5-2 Periculo Ludus. 4 General Patterns. 8 Florence.

2.30 STILTON NOVICES' CHASE (£1,207: 2m 4f) (3)

1 111 The Thatcher 6-12-0 Peter Hobbs
10 84p Grafty Green 9-11-0 A Carroll
15 p34 Super Brat 5-10-6 -

4-7 The Thatcher. 11-8 Super Brat. 14 Grafty Green.

3.0 KEN FURBANK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,570: 2m 200yd) (5)

3 082 Whole Shebang 5-11-7 Steve Knight
5 a04 Show House 6-10-5 Peter Hobbs
7 000 Tanowa (B) 5-10-4 -
11 100 Star Whistler 7-10-0 G Newman
12 000 Bluen Beauty (B) 8-10-0 I Cox

Evens Whole Shebang. 6-4 Show House. 8 Tanowa.

3.30 FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,632: 2m 4f) (4)

2 0p0 Opzana 9-11-7 P Carvill
8 p23 Takeafence (B) 6-10-3 -
9 323 Brahms And Liszt 8-10-2 G Newman
12 p00 Tarzan 9-10-0 Peter Hobbs

5-4 Brahms And Liszt. 2 Takeafence. 4 Tarzan. 13-2 Opzana.

4.0 WATERLOO NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £585: 3m 100yd) (4)

2 p10 Kilmo 9-12-5 Mr W Bethell 7
4 1-1 Stancombe Lass 9-12-0 Mr A Bowlby 7
11 pp-0 Jack Of All Trades 8-11-12 Mr C King 4
13 u3/p- Killinick Buck 8-11-12 -

13-8 Stancombe Lass. 7-4 Kilmo. 100-30 Jack Of All Trades. 8 Killinick Buck.

4.30 BRAMPTON NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o: £732: 2m 200yd) (10)

2 014 Baton Match 11-7 -
5 001 Noble Way 11-7 K Burke 7
7 038 Regency Tara (B) 11-7 J Suthern
13 000 Queensbury Joe (B) 11-0 A Carroll
14 00 Tiger Ted 11-0 Peter Hobbs
16 00 Wordsworth 11-0 Steve Knight
17 0 Working Duke 11-0 J A Harris
18 436 Acacia (B) 10-9 -
23 130 Kohinoor Diamond 10-9 I Cox
24 0 Willow Maid 10-9 -

6-4 Acacia. 11-4 Regency Tara. 9-2 Baton Match. 8 Kohinoor Diamond.

HUNTINGDON SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.0 Periculo Ludus. 2.30 The Thatcher. 3.0 Whole Shebang. 3.30 Brahms And Liszt. 4.0 Stancombe Lass. 4.30 Baton Match.

Hereford

2.15 ROSS-ON-WYE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £679: 2m) (7 runners)

5 0-p0 Breton Banquet 6-11-4 P Stone 7
8 00p Concibe Green 6-11-4 -
17 Laughter Lines 5-11-4 NON-RUNNER
26 020 Dyna Drueni 6-10-13 -
27 0f0 Gallant Le Bower 8-10-13 -
29 0p0 Guard The Fort (B) 4-10-12 C Cox 7
35 00p Shuttlecock Darter 4-10-7 A Lovell

5-4 Dyna Drueni. 7-2 Gallant Le Bower. 5 Breton Banquet. 6 Laughter Lines.

2.45 HOLIDAY SELLING HANDICAP (£466: 3m 1f) (8)

1 100 Desert Air (B) 5-11-10 W Worthington 7
3 000 Moyad 6-11-9 Mr R Dunwoody 4
4 00f Grey Vixen 6-11-6 D Chinn 7
5 000 Proudest Diana 4-11-6 -
6 200 Carp (B) 6-11-5 P Stone 7
8 ppp The Black Isle 4-11-3 -
9 000 Kate The Shrew (B) 4-11-2 -
10 000 May Sign 5-11-2 NON-RUNNER

9-4 Carp. 11-4 Kate The Shrew. 7-2 Moyad. 5 May Sign.

3.15 LEOMINSTER NOVICES' CHASE (£1,277: 2m) (11)

6 00u Boxberger Cadia 7-11-3 D Chinn 7
7 000 Chelsea Island 9-11-3 J Burke
8 0-p0 Diallago 8-11-3 -
9 024- Fazaghy 9-11-3 Mr R Robinson 4
10 p0f Gollyno 7-11-3 P Stone 7
11 f-pp Guy's Folly 9-11-3 M Brisbourne
13 0/u0 Humber Prince 8-11-3 A Chamberlain 4
15 0/00 Prince Candy 8-11-3 -
19 000 Stateswoman 8-10-12 -
20 0-fp Tiausley 7-10-12 M Castell
23 002 Fare Love 5-10-10 -

15-8 Fare Love. 3 Boxberger Cadia. 5 Gollyno. 7 Prince Candy.

3.45 NEWTON WILLIAMS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,633: 3m 1f) (5)

4 003 Bashful Lad 9-11-7 Mr R Dunwoody 4
20 3a0 Shotang 9-10-0 NON-RUNNER
23 081 French Bob 10-10-0 -
25 ppu Hard And Bitter (B) 9-10-0 Colin Price
26 4-00 Hatton Lad (B) 8-10-0 -

11-8 Bashful Lad. 3 French Bob. 12 Hatton Lad.

4.15 ROSS-ON-WYE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £672: 2m) (11)

3 b0-1 Captive Maiden 6-11-9 D Chinn 7
8 00 Cudgel 11-11-4 -
9 Kimacero 6-11-4 M Brisbourne
13 033 Pan Arctic 5-11-4 -
15 300 Queensway Boy 5-11-4 -
18 030 Storion 5-11-4 R Hyett
20 040 Rainbow Springs 4-11-3 -
23 302 Jubilee Dove 7-10-13 -
24 Little Kiran 5-10-13 Mr I Johnson
26 p00 Mol Linda 9-10-13 -
31 00 Champagne Mandy 4-10-7 C Cox 7

2 Captive Maiden. 3 Jubilee Dove. 4 Pan Arctic.

4.45 EASTER HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs: £976: 3m 1f) (5)

1 10-2 Little Bilsham 10-12-10 W Bryan 7
2 0pf Lonesome Park (B) 8-12-10 R Wooley
7 4-0f Larry Mac 10-12-0 P MacEwan 7
8 022 Nostradamus 12-12-0 I McKie 4
12 4- Love Tryst 6-11-9 -

5-4 Nostradamus. 11-4 Little Bilsham. 4 Love Tryst. 7 Lonesome Park.

HEREFORD SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin) 2.15 Dyna Drueni. 2.45 Carp. 3.15 Fare Love. 3.45 Bashful Lad. 4.15 Jubilee Dove. 4.45 Larry Mac.

Plumpton

2.15 HOLIDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (£548: 2m) (3 runners)

6 00 Amalarky 7-1-0 Mr J O'Brien 7
25 003 Blonde Bombshell 6-10-9 Michelle Sherren 7
26 pp0 Madam Butterfly 6-10-9 R Rowe

1-3 Blonde Bombshell. 11-4 Madam Butterfly. 8 Amalarky.

2.45 ALFRISTON NOVICES' CHASE (£1,223: 3m 1f) (8)

3 p000 Cobblers Castle (B) 8-11-6 R Rowe
7 400- Import Expert 6-11-6 G Moore
8 000 Just A Ghost 8-11-6 Miss Sarah French 4
9 0u0 Knigh Highway 9-11-6 R Goldstein
15 -0p0 Clear Henrietta 8-11-1 M Furlong
16 00p Just Peep 10-11-1 -
17 000 Kingmoor's Girl 7-11-1 R Rowell
18 -001 Kiswitch 8-11-1 P Guest 7

9-4 Cobblers Castle. 7-2 Knigh Highway. 5 Just Peep. 6 Import Expert.

3.15 EASTER SELLING HURDLE (£773: 2m) (11)

1 0-00 Ballyseedy Hero 8-11-2 -
2 022 Bombili (B) 5-11-2 R Campbell 7
7 King Billy 6-11-2 G Moore
11 000 Old Stager 6-11-2 J Akehurst 4
12 r00 Rhin Dancer (B) 5-11-2 Mr J Poulton
13 0u0- Rockfield Boy 7-11-2 R Goldstein
16 000 Spikey Bill (B) 7-11-2 -
17 001 Star Of Salford 6-11-2 Mr B O'Leary 4
20 p-pp Liz Well 7-10-11 W Elderfield 7
22 4007 Top Gold 5-10-11 R Arnott 7
29 000 Lissa Louise 4-10-5 R Rowell

6-4 Top Gold. 3 Bombili. 5 Old Stager. 7 King Billy.

3.45 LINDFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,606: 3m 3f 90yd) (4)

4 -220 John Brush 6-11-7 R Rowe
8 lp0 Gold Chief (B) 10-10-4 -
9 024 Bayham Sir Vardon 10-10-2 R Goldstein
13 /000 Likely Boy 11-10-0 G Moore

5-4 John Brush. 2 Bayham Sir Vardon. 4 Gold Chief. 6 Likely Boy.

4.15 ST GEORGE'S DAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,440: 2m 4f) (7)

1 300 Flash Fred 7-11-10 Mr T Clay
9 400 Gazaan 6-11-5 G Moore
11 200 Seabattle (B) 5-11-2 R Rowe
12 40p Wicklow Star 7-11-1 R Goldstein
28 000 Dance Mission 7-10-0 P Guest 7
29 000 Saint Oswald 8-10-0 J Akehurst 4
30 0p0 Peace Treaty 4-10-0 NON-RUNNER

5-2 Wicklow Star. 3 Seabattle. 11-2 Gazaan. 6 Flash Fred.

4.45 JOHN HARE MAIDEN 4-Y-O HURDLE (£548: 2m) (5)

2 000 Celtic Story 10-12 R Goldstein
6 Gold Hunter 10-12 S Earle 7
11 Think On 10-12 R Campbell 4
15 0- Irene's Pride 10-7 -
17 000 Speed Up 10-7 Michelle Sherren 7

2 Celtic Story. 3 Speed Up. 4 Gold Hunter. 5 Irene's Pride.

5.15 BOURNE LEISURE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£618: 2m) (6)

7 0 Wish For More 5-11-6 Mr T Grantham 7
9 0 Face The Climate 5-11-1 -
10 0 Morton Lady 5-11-1 Brooke Sanders
13 Castillero Lad 4-11-0 Mr J Poulton
15 0 Count Frederick 4-11-0 Mr T Clay
18 Blue Owl 4-10-9 C Warren 7

7-4 Face The Climate. 100-30 Wish For More. 5 Blue Owl. 6 Morton Lady.

PLUMPTON SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Madam Butterfly. 2.45 Cobblers Castle. 3.15 Top Gold. 3.45 John Brush. 4.15 Wicklow Star. 4.45 Gold Hunter. 5.15 Face The Climate.

Market Rasen

2.15 RASE SELLING HURDLE (£516: 2m) (4 runners)

1 223 Hartfield Lad 5-12-3 K Sims 7
6 p00 Cheeky Monkey 5-11-2 J Barlow
15 000 Dream Venture 4-10-9 W Morris 4
17 003 Sax 4-10-9 W Hayes 7

4-5 Hartfield Lad. 11-8 Sax. 8 Cheeky Monkey. 20 Dream Venture.

2.50 COL. R. THOMPSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,345: 2m) (7)

1 008 Ghazal (B) 6-12-3 S Johnson
5 282 The Diplomat 6-10-10 S McNeill
6 -022 Sausolito 6-10-10 -
11 -030 East Coast Girl 5-10-4 M Bastard
12 203 Star Alliance 6-10-0 W Morris 4
13 4p0 Boreham Down 5-10-0 M Pepper 4
14 400 Jimmypick 6-10-0 J Barlow

9-4 Sausolito. 7-2 The Diplomat. 4 East Coast Girl. 6 Star Alliance.

3.25 ALEXANDRA MOTORS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,278: 2m) (7)

3 0p0 Marshal Night 9-11-7 Mr D Browne
6 104 Steve Bracken 8-11-2 -
9 228 Arinmarval 11-11-0 D Dutton
11 482 Cardinal's Outburst 9-10-12 P Warner
13 402 Capvista 9-10-8 -
14 120 Vale Challenge 10-10-6 S McNeill
16 0p-p Blenheim Prince 7-10-0 S Johnson

2 Cardinal's Outburst. 100-30 Capvista. 9-2 Steve Bracken. 7 Arinmarval.

4.0 KETSBY NOVICES' CHASE (£1,390: 3m) (4)

1 142 Planetman 7-12-9 Mr D Browne
6 40p Ron And Skip 6-11-13 P Warner
12 0a0 Pedilus 6-11-8 -
15 p00 Justa Merry 6-11-3 J Barlow

1-6 Planetman. 4 Ron And Skip. 14 Pedilus. 50 Justa Merry.

4.35 BRADLEY NOVICES' HURDLE (£886: 2m) (10)

1 130 Noise Love 7-12-3 J D Davies 7
2 004 Grafton 5-12-0 J Barlow
3 022 Camulus (B) 6-11-10 Mr G Vergette 7
8 300 All The Queens Men (B) 4-11-7 -
12 Hellfire 5-11-7 -
15 033 Pan Arctic 5-11-7 -
18 -000 Cleodee Star 5-11-2 -
19 031 Padykin 4-11-2 W Hayes 7
21 043 Busorm 4-11-0 -
30 000 Lanton Palace 4-10-9 -

5-2 Camulus. 3 Padykin. 7-2 Pan Arctic. 8 Busorm.

5.10 THE CHASE NOVICES' CHASE (Amateurs: £1,108: 2m) (8)

2 0l2 Greenhill Hall 8-12-3 M Armitage 7
3 000 Old Mill Lady 9-11-12 A Brader 7
4 0p0 Alaskan Prince 9-11-10 S Manley 7
5 243 Bedlam Hill 10-11-10 -
8 0p-0 Happy Worker 9-11-10 R Beggan 4
10 -000 Burford Belle 6-11-5 D Pitcher 7
11 300 Loxham View 6-11-5 L Kirkby 7
12 000 Sealegation 10-11-5 -

7-4 Greenhill Hall. 5-2 Bedlam Hill. 9-2 Loxham View. 8 Alaskan Prince.

MARKET RASEN SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Hartfield Lad. 2.50 Sausolito. 3.25 Cardinal's Outburst. 4.0 Planetman. 4.35 Padykin. 5.10 Greenhill Lad.

Towcester

2.0 DONCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £630: 2m) (18 runners)

6 0pf Deudlex (B) 7-11-6 -
12 003 Light Song 5-11-6 W Smith
13 444 November Rain 6-11-6 P Double
16 a40 Prince Pippin 5-11-6 Mr G Mernagh
17 000 Proof Writer 6-11-6 Mr J White
19 p20 Qualification (B) 9-11-6 -
21 02u Skytrain Jetset 5-11-6 -
26 30-0 The Parrot 5-11-6 P Murphy
27 0 Balmaria 5-11-1 J Nolan
29 020 Dyna Drueni 6-11-1 -
30 Gold Thief 9-11-1 Mr R Mann 4
31 00/p Lady Marion 7-11-1 M Kinane
33 Miss Taffi 5-11-1 -
34 Piglet 5-11-1 R Chapman
40 Jack Wilmot 4-11-0 M McCourt
44 p0 Prince Barrington 4-11-0 B de Haan
45 034 The Shiner 4-11-0 N Madden
49 044 Corvina 4-10-9 -

2 Light Song. 4 The Shiner. 5 Proof Writer. 13-2 Corvina.

2.30 SHUTLANGER NOVICES' CHASE (£891: 2m 50yd) (5)

6 100 Another Nitty 10-11-6 R Mann
15 400 Fortstar 6-11-4 B de Haan
18 00p Remainder Imp 7-11-4 G McCourt
24 p- Clody's Rival 6-10-13 Mr L Lay 7
30 000 Raise The Offer 5-10-2 -

2 Fortstar. 7 Raise The Offer. 4 Another Nitty. Remainder Imp.

3.0 SCHILIZZI 1986 CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £677: 3m 190yd) (4)

6 431 Mr Mole 9-12-7 G Mernagh
17 100 Bobby's Fox 11-11-12 R Mann 4
20 ppp- Monkswell 12-11-12 -
21 00p Pennywaste 8-11-12 J Lumsden 7

1-2 Mr Mole. 11-4 Bobby's Fox. 4 Pennywaste. 8 Monkswell.

3.30 PENRHYN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,175: 3m 96yd) (9)

7 300 Nest 6-11-7 B de Haan
12 000 Dearsee 10-10-13 P Murphy
16 4p0 Dropsbot 8-10-7 B Reilly
17 004 Mister Pitt 5-10-7 G McCourt
18 020 Ben Ewan 5-10-6 N Madden
20 000 Sweet Solicitor (B) 5-10-4 -
21 000 Last Of The Foxes 11-10-0 -
24 0p0 Heatless 9-10-0 M Kinane
25 u03 Otterden 10-10-0 M Rowley 7

3 Ben Ewan. 100-30 Nest. 5 Mister Pitt. 13-2 Dropsbot.

4.0 ALEX FETHERSTONHAUGH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,398: 3m 190yd) (4)

7 p40 Roman Bistro 8-11-7 P Double
9 443 Lucky Call 10-11-6 N Madden
17 3pll Fort Belvedere 9-10-11 N Kington
21 6-pp Knapp Flight 10-10-7 G McCourt

11-10 Lucky Call. 5-4 Roman Bistro. 5 Fort Belvedere. 12 Knapp Flight.

4.30 SHARON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,102: 2m) (4)

2 1b Only Gorgeous 5-11-10 -
10 000 Critical Path 5-10-7 B Reilly
18 00p Blue Patrol (B) 8-10-0 -
21 018 Hard Bargain 6-10-0 G McCourt

6-4 Only Gorgeous. 11-4 Hard Bargain. 5 Critical Path. 10 Blue Patrol.

5.0 DUNCOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £613: 2m) (10)

17 /3-0 Notable 6-11-6 P Murphy
18 833 Pan Arctic 5-11-6 -
19 200 Queensway Boy 5-11-6 NON-RUNNER
24 0-00 Tender Angus 6-11-6 P Double
28 00p Full Of Love 5-11-1 -
29 0-0 Inquensive 8-11-1 P Upson
32 000 Sportsevents 5-11-1 G McCourt
34 p00 Welsh Valley 8-11-1 -
40 0 Sparky 4-11-0 M Rowley 7
45 0 Miss Shamrock 4-10-9 R Chapman 7

2 Pan Arctic. 7-2 Tender Angus. 4 Queensway Boy. 6 Miss Shamrock.

TOWCESTER SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.0 Light Song. 2.30 Another Nitty. 3.0 Mr Mole. 3.30 Nest. 4.0 Fort Belvedere. 4.30 Hard Bargain. 5.0 Tender Angus.

Uttoxeter

2.15 THREE MILES HOLIDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £548: 3m) (9 runners)

2 411 Rhyme 'N' Reason 5-11-10 G Bradley
5 Baskling 6-10-12 NON-RUNNER
11 0p0 Happy Hare 6-10-12 R Hatfield 7
14 040 King's Pardon 6-10-12 M Williams
16 0-00 Northern King 7-10-12 -
17 033 Pan Arctic 5-10-12 Mr G Williams 7
21 000 Dal Mar (B) 5-10-7 C Jones
22 0 Folly's Country 6-10-7 S Jobar
24 000 Hansel's Music 6-10-7 C Mann

1-5 Rhyme N'Reason. 6 Pan Arctic. 12 King's Pardon. 16 Hansel's Music.

2.50 CHESTERFIELD SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£825: 2m 4f) (16)

1 412- San Malo 10-11-13 Mr N Babbage 4
5 10-0 Santoss 11-10-11 -
6 p0u Regent's Garden 12-10-10 Mr J Carden
7 30p/ Migalillo 12-10-7 -
10 00-p Sir Bountiful 10-10-7 -
11 0p0 Artsom 9-10-7 K Dooley 7
12 p00 Mulberry Walk 8-10-7 -
13 p00 Bowshot 10-10-7 A Gardener 7
14 p2p Take Flight 10-10-7 J Bryan
16 000 Heriot 12-10-7 G Jones
19 000 Very Friendly 8-10-7 S J O'Neill
20 000 Thumps 8-10-7 NON-RUNNER
22 00-4 Ballywell 9-10-7 -
23 a31 Lloyd Ardua 11-10-7 C Mann
26 0p/0 Reasonable Choice 11-10-7 Mr G Williams 7
27 0-40 Money Lad 12-10-7 S Jobar

11-4 Lloyd Ardua. 4 Santoss. 5 Ballywell. 7 San Malo.

3.25 NEEDWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,284: 2m 4f) (6)

1 pp2 Fearless Seal 7-12-7 Mr A Hollinshead 7
8 123 Cross Master 7-10-10 Mr G Williams 7
10 0b2 Tyrwald Millenium 8-10-8 M Williams
18 304 Velvet Boy 10-10-0 S Morshead
21 001 Akaifigh 6-10-0 C Mann
26 p3/p- Rough-Cast (B) 9-10-0 Mr J Cambidge 4

6-4 Tyrwald Millenium. 11-4 Fearless Seal. 4 Cross Master. Velvet Boy.

4.0 HANBURY NOVICES' CHASE (£1,136: 2m 1f) (5)

8 0f0 Bergihill 8-11-0 J Bryan
16 f02 Says Eye 9-11-0 Mr N Babbage 4
22 033 Casal Royale 6-10-9 K Dooley 7
23 0-00 Liberty Calling 8-10-9 S Jobar
25 302 Sutton Court 6-10-9 NON-RUNNER

4-5 Casal Royale. 2 Says Eye. 5 Liberty Calling. 8 Berghill.

4.35 HIGHBROW HANDICAP CHASE (£1,553: 3m 2f) (4)

4 03p Greenbank Park 7-11-7 Mr D Williams
22 p10 Native Break 7-10-3 S Morshead
23 pu0 Jimmy Milf 12-10-0 S J O'Neill
24 p03 Campello Bay 9-10-0 J Bryan

8-11 Native Break. 7-4 Greenbank Park. 9-2 Campello Boy. 10 Jimmy Milf.

5.10 THREE MILES HOLIDAY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £548: 3m) (7)

6 000 Alangrove Sound 6-10-12 Mr N Brooks
8 Brianston Bell 5-10-12 -
9 002 Chambesy 5-10-12 S J O'Neill
10 Cheerful Boy 9-10-12 S Morshead
18 fol Rostulie 5-10-12 C Mann
26 040 Just Bluffing 7-10-7 -
27 00/p Mayleader 10-10-7 R Hatfield 7

4-6 Chambesy. 7-2 Just Bluffing. 4 Alangrove Sound. 7 Cheerful Boy.

UTTOXETER SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin) 2.15 Rhyme N Reason. 2.50 Lloyd Ardua. 3.25 Fearless Seal. 4.0 Casal Royale. 4.35 Native Break. 5.10 Chambesy.

Wincanton

2.0 AXBRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I: £599: 2m) (4 runners)

7 000 Crispin 7-11-0 P Nicholls
21 003 Pip 4-10-8 K Mooney
22 p Sleeping Sandman 4-10-8 P Richards
25 130 Kohinoor Diamond 4-10-3 I Cox

8-15 Pip. 11-4 Crispin. 8 Kohinoor Diamond. 12 Sleeping Sandman.

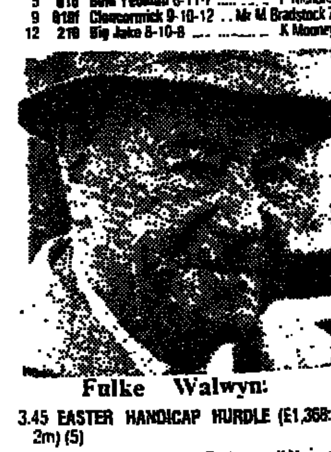
2.35 AMESBURY NOVICES' CHASE (£1,291: 2m) (6)

1 lp0 Britannicus 8-11-12 R Millman 4
2 13u Kerry Jack 8-11-12 P Nicholls
3 040 Owen Glendower 7-11-12 P Richards
7 101 Desert Hero 10-11-5 K Mooney
24 p00 First Award 6-11-0 A Webb
26 031 The Pale Barrier 5-10-10 P Corrigan 7

13-8 Desert Hero. 3 The Pale Barrier. 5 Kerry Jack. 7 Owen Glendower.

3.10 HINDON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,710: 2m 5f) (3)

5 010 Bold Yeoman 8-11-7 P Nicholls
9 010 Cloncormick 9-10-12 Mr M Bradstock 7
12 210 Big Jake 8-10-8 K Mooney



Fulke Walwyn:

3.45 EASTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,368: 2m) (5)

5 101 Skylander 5-11-11 (7 ex) K Mooney
8 141 Paddy Boro 6-11-7 P Nicholls
13 p00 Kinnigger 6-10-2 -
16 0p0 Swift Encounter (B) 5-10-0 -
18 000 Testing Times 8-10-0 Miss S Waterman

8-13 Skylander. 3 Paddy Boro. 10 Testing Times. 12 Kinnigger. 16 Swift Encounter.

4.20 DAFFODIL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,510: 3m 1f) (4)

11 0ul North Lane 7-11-7 NON-RUNNER
12 3o0 Shotang 9-11-6 -
14 p10 Dawn Fox 11-11-4 A Webb
18 p/p0 Sabi 10-10-0 R Millman 4

Evens Shotang. 15-8 Dawn Fox. 100-30 Sabi. 10 North Lane.

4.55 AXBRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II: £616: 2m) (6)

2 312 Bold Print (B) 5-11-7 K Mooney
4 400 Gypsey Lea 6-11-2 P Stone 7
5 148 Middleton Sue 5-11-2 -
20 000 Scale The Heights 5-11-0 A Webb
24 000 Miss Pardy 6-10-9 Christine Young 7
25 fp0/ Montule 10-10-9 Miss S Waterman

4-5 Bold Print. 4 Middleton Sue. 8 Gypsey Lea. 18 Scale The Heights.

WINCANTON SELECTIONS By Mandarin: 2.0 Pip. 2.35 Desert Hero. 3.10 Cloncormick. 3.45 Skylander. 4.20 Shotang. 4.55 Bold Print.

Point-to-point results and fixtures

SATURDAY'S WINNERS

ASHFORD VALLEY: Hunt: Red Marshal. R Op: Shipley Hills Lad. Op: Mark's Methana. L Op: El Padre. Adj: Tyne. Mdn: Gay Marshal.
Bedale and West of Yore: Adj: Prince Amp. R Op: Couters Candy. Hunt: Bonny Member. Op: Be Free. L Op: Artic Supreme. Mdn: Fanta's Girl.
East Essex: Hunt: Donogue. Adj: Sarsbrook. L Op: Haycock's Rabbit. Op: Courtneigh. R Op: Temple Copse. Mdn: Midsummer Gladness.
Hursley Hambledon: Hunt: Chichester Bird. Adj: Highway Dual. L Op: Crafty Look. Op: Macturk. Mdn: Dernier Rousseel.
Ledbury: Adj: Benlor. Hunt: Pensham's Son. Op: Daringgate. L Op: Master of Fun. PPOA: Funmist. Mdn: Refota.

LINLITHGOW AND STERLINGSHIRE: Hunt: Binny Craig. Adj: Loch Brandy. L Op: Flying Ace. Op: Navigational Aid. R Op: Nelson's Beach. Mdn: Hume Castle.

LLANGIBBY: Hunt: Yes Yes Yes. R Op: Laputum. Adj: Glyn Valley. Op: Loch Raven. L Op: Master Straight. Mdn: Polrona.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE: Hunt: Pirate Jack. Adj: Pelican Falls. L Op: Honourable Enoch. Op: Parc-en-Velvas. PPOA: Alborak. Mdn: Fiery Glen.

SEAVINGTON: Hunt: Lord of Dynasty. Adj: River Lydden. Op: Canford Rose. Op: Withen Wood. R Op: London Apprentice. Mdn: Foxhurst.

SOUTH AND WEST WILTS: Hunt: Sweet Brig. Mdn: What a Cheek. L Op: Misty Chime. Op: Silent Comfort. Adj: Corramacorra. PPOA: Rose D'Amour.

TETCOTT: Farmers: Four Tens. Op: Gallic Dream. L Op: Pirateen. R Op: Small Tom. Adj: Lucky Friday. Mdn: McNab's Quest.

VALE OF AYLESBURY: Hunt: Haysaver. Adj: White Paper. Op: Robin's Tango. L Op: Nitty's Girl. R Op: Motorbike Man. Mdn I: Tanrose. Mdn II: Princess Line.

VALE OF LUNE: Hunt: Camp Hill. Adj: Cherryfoot. L Op: Flach Deal. Op: Gold Prince. R Op: Trogana. Mdn: Tryaghost.

WHEATLAND: Buchenan; Maypole. Adj: Lay the Trump. Op: Little Bilsham. L Op: Majetta Crescent. R Op: Dorenco. Mdn: Pat Orley. Hunt: Goodwin.

WOODLAND PYTCHLEY: ADJ: Highgate Lady. L Op: Coin Collector. Hunt: Alfa Elk. Op: Inkerman. PPOA: Hasty Retreat. Md: Cajosa.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Braes of Derwent at Morpeth (2.0); **Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray** at Midhurst (1.40); **East Kent** at Aldington (2.0); **Eggesford** at Bishopsleigh (2.15); **Essex farmers** at Marks Tey (2.0); **Four Burrow** at Canborne (2.0); **North Cotswold** at Springhill (2.0); **Old Berkshire** at Lockinge (2.0); **South Down and Eridge** at Heathfield (2.30); **South Notts** at Newark (2.0); **South Pembrokeshire** at Tenby (2.0); **South Shropshire** at Eyton-on-Severn (1.30); **Staintondale** at Charmpark (2.0); **Talybont** at Talybont-on-Usk (2.0); **Taunton vale** at Jordans (2.0); **Vine and Craven** at Hackwood Park (2.0).

● Onslow and Willie Carson gained their second group three success in Italy in eight days when beating Bater by a short neck in the £10,294 Premio d'Aprile over ten furlongs at San Siro, Milan, yesterday. Ivano, the former Henry Cecil trained horse, finished one and a half lengths back in third.

Carson failed by a short head to make it a double with the French raider Northern Fred in the £14,411 Premio Emanuele Filiberto (10f), won by Welnor and Lester Piggott. Welnor is now unbeaten in four races.

● John Lowe, the northern-based jockey, was in good form at Newcastle on Saturday, riding three winners – Lak Lustre, Runager and Estoc.

Racing: Pulborough colt to follow in Recitation's footsteps

Rousillon to give Harwood second French Guineas

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Pat Eddery stands in for the injured Greville Starkey on Rousillon in this afternoon's Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2.000 Guineas) at Longchamp and it would be no surprise if the pair took the first French classic. Guy Harwood said yesterday: "It will take a top horse to beat Rousillon. He is just as good as Recitation."

The principal dangers to Rousillon are likely to be Siberian Express and Mendez, while others who should play a prominent part are Nikos, Diamada, Bountiful and Truculent.

Rousillon has proved his well-being this season by taking the Salisbury trial from Chief Singer (gave 5lb). Last season this son of Riverman won two of his three races and was second to Gold and Ivory in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot.



Pat Eddery: should prove able deputy on Rousillon

Siberian Express was exremely disappointing when a remote third to Mendez and Nikos in the Prix de Fontainbleu, but he is expected to improve dramatically on that this afternoon. André Fabré reports that Siberian Express has been annihilating older galloping companions at Chantilly and believes his poor performance in the Fontainbleu was due to a lack of condition and a failure to act on the dead ground. In the opinion of Fabré, if Siberian Express fails to run up to expectations in the Poulains, it must be put down to a lack of will. The colt gave his finest performance last August when winning the Prix Morny at Deauville.

Diamada showed top class acceleration to take the Prix Djebel from Polly's Ark while Bountiful, the winner of the Prix Montenica, is sure to appreciate the probable firm ground. The chance of Truculent should also be considered, particularly as he was second to Treizieme in the Grand Criterium. Lester Piggott teams up with the once-raced Palace Music, who won a newcomers' race, and this colt's lack of experience is likely to count against him.

Yawa, who wears blinkers for the first time, returns to the course where he made his name and could lift the 15 ½/2 furlong Prix Jean Prat in the hands of Philip Waldron. Last June, Yawa won the Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris and he may now be capable of holding the unreliable but talented Denel, Harly and Magwal.

Harly finished in front of Yawa in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury but I am told blinkers have already made a difference to the attitude of Yawa on the home gallops.

Chance for Macks Friendly

From Our Irish Correspondent

Macks Friendly looks the pick of 30 runners who should provide a highly spectacular contest for the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse this afternoon. Run on three and a half miles and with the ground fast drying out after a sunny, warm weekend, the gallop is certainally strong.

Dermot Weld, who went so close to bringing off the spring double, runs his Grand National second, Greasepaint. Weld is hoping that the hard race at Aintree will not have left its mark, but is no more than hopeful on this score. Top weight will be carried by Drumlargan who has been in the frame in three important English chases since winning at Punchestown in Febraury.

His trainer, Eddie O'Grady, also saddles Mister Donovan and this recent Newbury winner will be partnered by John O'Neill. Macks Friendly at the start of this year was a maiden under all rules but he has made astonishing improvements since joining Paddy Mullins. But for a last-fence fall at Fairyhouse in February would probably be unbten in seven Flat and jumping outings in 1984. He landed a good gamble in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham and could duplicate the performance of Bit Of A Skite, who last year brought off the National Hunt Chase – Irish Grand National Double.

Hegemony switch rewarded

Supporters of El Gran Señor, the 2000 Guineas favourite, received an encouraging boost at Phoenix Park on Saturday through the defeat of Capture Him, a stable companion.

Victory, by a short head, went to Hegemony who the previous Saturday was given weight and a beating by El Gran Señor at the Curragh.

Mick O'Toole's decision to forgo a French 2000 Guineas challenge with Hegemony and keep him at home for the Gallagher's New York 2000 Guineas trial paid off with a £13,240 dividend. Halfway up the straight Declan Gillespie pushed Hegemony into a clear lead but his gambit looked to have failed when Capture Him, under the strong riding of Pat Eddery, headed him with 150 yards to go. However, Hegemony rallied in the last few strides to regain the advantage.

Another 2½ lengths back was Paymaster who had only finished fifth at the Curragh and thus paid his own tribute to El Gran Señor. Hegemony runs next in the Airlie-Coolmore Irish 2000 Guineas where he will be renewing rivalry with Capture Him.

In the fillies' trial, Soluce gave Neil McGrath his biggest success

● Rod Simpson saddled his first winner since moving from Epsom to Lambourn when Fortune's Guest showed a fine turn of speed in the Queen's Prize at Kempton. The colt now goes for the Chester Cup on May 9.

Saturday's results

Kempton Park

1.30 1, Indiana Pencil (14-1); 2, Ascension Island (15-8 fav); 3, Halcyon Cove (11-2). 7 ran.
2.0 1, Fortune's Guest (9-4 fav); 2, Forward (9-2); 3, Another Sam (9-2). 6 ran. NR: Popsi's Joy.
2.30 1, Clare Bridge (9-2); 2, Celtic Assembly (9-2); 3, Athenia (6-4 fav). 10 ran.
3.0 1, Keen (8-13 fav); 2, Raami (11-4); 3, Nearly A Nose (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Macarthurs Head.
3.30 1, Lily Bank (12-1); 2, Bold Realm (4-1 fav); 3, Daring Display (6-1). 13 ran.
4.0 1, Forest Of Dean (7-2 fav); 2, Judex (7-1); 3, Hidden Destiny (13-2). 12 ran.
3.45 1, Dance Master (50-1); 2, Mariners Log (5-1); 3, Hanover Prince (14-1); Cobblers Castle 7-2 fav. 14 ran.
4.15 1, Round the Twist (6-1); 2, Ambremont (14-1); 3, Williamson (7-2); Approaching 11-8 fav. 7 ran.
4.45 1, The Thunderer (13-8 fav); 2, Match Master (5-1); 3, Wily Yeoman (100-30); 8 ran. NR Some Shot.

Haydock Park

2.0: 1, Hopeful Heights (7-1); 2, Sarder (6-4 fav); 3, Zephyros (10-1). 14 ran.
2.30: 1, Fire Bay (8-1); 2, Straight Man (6-1); 3, Marlion (7-1). 15 ran. Tamino (5-2 fav). Hannah Moore (25-1) withdrawn not under starter's orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduction 30p in pound.
3.0: 1, Sarab (16-1); 2, Knight's Banner (7-2 jt fav); 3, Bold Patriach (8-1). Tug Top 7-2 jt fav. 16 ran.
3.30: 1, Jackdaw (7-2); 2, Appeal To Me (8-1); 3, Dark Proposal (2-1 fav). 8 ran. NR: Karablake Turkemann.
4.0: 1, Moondawn (12-1); 2, Daddy's Pleasure (25-1); 3, Honourable Admiral (7-4 fav). 16 ran.
4.30: 1, Top O'Th'Lane (5-1); 2, Flight Of Time (25-1); 3, Eyelight (16-1). Lymond 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

Newcastle

1.45: 1, Windpipe (11-1); 2, O I Oyston (15-2); 3, Coley (25-1). Stracomer Nurse 5-2 fav. 12 ran.
2.15: 1, Hillsdown Gold (14-1); 2, Steel Venture (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Rose of the North (16-1). Florida Son 9-2 jt-fav. 13 ran.
2.45: 1, Lak Lustre (7-1); 2, Christmas Cottage (8-1); 3, Ballad Island (7-2). Legal Sound 100-30 fav. 11 ran.
3.15: 1, Lochtillum (6-1); 2, Mel's Choice (2-1 fav); 3, Central Carpets (11-1). 10 ran.
3.45: 1, Runager (5-2 fav); 2, Philip (7-2); 3, Y I Oyston (7-2). 17 ran. NR: Peckitts Well.
4.15: 1, Estoc (10-1); 2, Tivian (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Salala (2-1 jt-fav). 19 ran.

Newton Abbot

2.30 1, National Dandy (12-1); 2, African Star (9-1); 3, Summer Frolic (4-1); Golfe 85-40 fav. 14 ran. NR: Dolbeare Lad, Tooley Street.
3.0 1, Oliver Hardy (9-2 fav); 2, Hashofet (25-1); 3, Aniramsky (14-1); 14 ran. NR: Hulda, Odin.
3.30 1, Welsh Display (5-4 fav); 2, Rosa Ruler (10-1); 3, Morvern (5-1); 9 ran. NR: Sunshine Gal.
4.0 1, Integration (2-1 fav); 2, Marchant (3-1); 3, Master Smudge (9-4); 5 ran. NR: Don't Touch, Friar Tuck.
4.30 1, Ballycarn (9-4 jt fav); 2, Major Gamble (10-1); 3, The Floorlayer (9-4 jt fav); Autoway (7-4 jt fav); 5 ran. NR: Fenkin.
5.0 1, Deadly Going (7-2); 2, Rhodomantle (2-1 fav); 3, Deep Cross (8-1); 18 ran.

Plumpton

2.15 1, Katmandu (15-2); 2, Whittington (4-1); 3, Used Arriba (50-1); John Brush, 4-5 fav. 8 ran.
2.45 1, Fire Chieftain (9-2); 2, The Vinegar Man (9-2); 3, Simon Bolivar (3-1 fav) 11 ran.
3.15 1, Sandhaven (9-2); 2, Senor Romana (3-1 fav); 3, Sir Givenchy (11-2); 9 ran.

Southwell

2.15 SIR LESTER (5-2 fav); 2, Sutton Court (3-1); 3, Postdyne (11-4); 6 ran. nr Dusty Rushes.
2.45 1, JAPLING (4-1); 2, Severn Sound (7-2); 3, Sea Clair (7-4); 8 ran.
3.15 1, CLONEEN KING (4-1); 2, Loriot (3-1); 3, Tar Knight (9-2). Ben Spartan (5-2 fav) 7 ran. nr The Chosen One.
3.45 1, ITS-A-TWIST (9-2 jt fav); 2, Russell Up (12-1); 3, Whistle For Jack (25-1). John Silver (9-2 jt fav). 14 ran.
4.15 1, BEAUCOUP d' ARGENT (14-1); 2, Outlaw (11-4); 3, Aldington Mill (16-1). 12 ran. nr Ascanmoor, Chuckbuck, Regal Express.
4.45 1, CITADEL ROC (4-6 fav); 2, Noblest Noble (5-1); 3, Ninth Addition (9-4). 3 ran. nr Sea Splash.

Carlisle

2.15 1, Arpal Dambuster (9-4 fav); 2, Splendor Blade (3-1); 3, Back In Action (14-1). 15 ran.
2.45 1, Deep Dig (9-2 fav); 2, Solaire Prince (6-1); 3, Shughie (7-1). 11 ran.
3.15 1, Cat 'n Dry (9-2); 2, Thorbell Arch (4-1); 3, Lady Lawyer (9-2). 7 ran.
3.45 1, Stanness (10-1); 2, Captain Parkhill (7-1); 3, Who's Free (14-1). Hazy Glen 9-4 fav. 13 ran.
4.15 1, Hot Pretence (11-4 fav); 2, Green Menelek (8-1); 3, Trollena (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Barns Lass.
4.45 1, Durham Edition (4-1); 2, Northumbria (12-1); 3, Major Rock (4-1). Deep Love 11-4 fav. 9 ran. Northumbria finished 1st disq.

Towcester

2.0 1, Netherbridge (11-2); 2, Buck and Wing (3-1 jt fav); 3, Filletts Farm (9-2). Chelsea Bar 3-1 jt fav. 10 ran.
2.30 1, Allied Baccamel (20-1); 2, Maurice's Tip (10-11 fav); 3, Cornish Miner (2-1). 8 ran.
3.0 1, Border Burg (1-4 fav); 2, Dancing Brig (3-1). 2 ran.
3.30 1, Leading Artist (Evens fav); 2, Kara (5-1); 3, The Lady's Master (11-4). 4 ran.
4.0 1, Four of a Kind (10-1); 2, Celtic Slave (4-5 fav); 3, My Bonnie Prince (9-1). 5 ran.
4.30 1, With a Little Bit (11-4); 2 Grundy Glow (11-2); 3, Be On Time (4-7 fav). 5 ran.

Saint-Cloud result

PRIX CORRIDA (Group 3) (£13,201: 1m 2f 110yd): 1, FLY ME (F Head); 2, Marie de Litz (Y Saint-Martin); 3, Estrepade (A Lequeux). Also ran: Aborigine (4th), Marie de Flandre (5th), Angela Serra (6th), Retrousse, Rattle, Lina Cavalieri, La Verne, Santina. 11 ran. ¾l, 4l, 1l, 2½l, hd. A Fabre. Pari-mutuel: 2.40, pl 1.30, 1.90, 1.40. DF 12.20. 2m 24.1s.

Blinkered first time

NEWCASTLE 2.45 Even Banker.
WARWICK 3.15 Chelsea Maid. 4.15 Off The Cuff.

NOTTINGHAM

GOING: firm
Draw: 5f-6f high numbers best

2.15 LITTLE JOHN MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £978: 5f) (7 runners)

2 CHANTACO M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 3
4 INNISKILLEN M Hinchliffe 9-0 ... R Cochrane 7
9 QUALITAIR FLYER K Stone 9-0 ... C Dwyer 1
16 IKEXEM J P Smith 8-11 ... J Reid 6
17 JACKIE BLAIR P Haynes 8-11 ... B Crossley 5
22 POKEY'S PET W Haigh 8-11 ... R Curant 2
26 TUXFORD HIDEAWAY R Whitaker 8-11 ... S Perks 4

1983: Stanley The Baron 9-0 B Crossley (8-11 fav) K Brassey 8 ran.
2-5 Chantaco, 6 Inniskillen, 7 Qualitair Flyer, 8 Jackie Blair, 10 Ikexem, 14 others.

Nottingham selections
By Mandarin
2.15 Inniskillen. 2.45 Il Tigre. 3.15 Master Cawston. 3.45 First Cry. 4.15 Northern Trial. 4.45 Johnny Crown.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Inniskillen. 2.45 Micharro. 3.15 Master Cawston. 3.45 Bragado. 4.15 Misty Halo. 4.45 Johnny Crown.

2.45 ROBIN HOOD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,104: 6f) (15)

1 0-0 AKEED (BF) P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Mercer 5
3 BALLYOWEN KING A Balding 9-0 ... – 15
7 03- IL TIGRE L Cumani 9-0 ... D McHargue 8
8 0-0 LINDA'S REBEL R Armstrong 9-0 ... P Tulk 14
9 4- LONGCROSS M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 6
11 2030-0 PYTHAGORIAN R Stubbs 9-0 ... D Nicolls 9
20 0- DOWNTOWN FOXY D Ringer 8-11 ... P D'Arcy 4
24 4-2 KATADA R Houghton 8-11 ... R Cochrane 2
26 00 LITTLE MEN W Guest 8-11 ... A Woodward 7 7
27 LOREDANA G Huffer 8-11 ... B Crossley 1
30 04- MICHARRO (B) B Hobbs 8-11 ... G Baxter 13
33 0430- NICKY NICK M Usher 8-11 ... – 3
34 0- NORTHERN PROSPECT Mrs G Reveley 8-11 ... – 12
35 4030-0 PIPATUNE C Austin 8-11 ... R Wernham 10
41 TURN TO GOLD E Eldin 8-11 ... A Mackay 11

1983: Alakh 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) J Tree 12 ran.
2 Longcross, 5-2 Katada, 6 Il Tigre, Micharro, 8 Akeed, 12 Nicky Nick, 16 others.

3.15 BROXTOWE HANDICAP (£2,590: 6f) (13)

3 002-0 MASTER CAWSTON (D) (BF) M H Easterby 9-10 ... [illegible]

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3.45 COUNTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,018: 1m 50yd) (13)

3 2231- MIAMI STAR J Winter 9-7 ... W R Swinburn 4
5 140-4 ZIO PEPPINO A Jarvis 9-7 ... T Jarvis 5 1
6 000- MOUNTAIN BEAR J Dunlop 9-5 ... N Dawe 5 2
8 000- QUICK FLING D Laing 8-12 ... M Mathem 9
10 040-0 TACHEO W Wharton 8-11 ... S Horsfall 5 10
12 000- PENINSULA KING E Eldin 8-10 ... A Mackay 11
14 040-0 TENTRACO LADY R Howe 8-8 ... G Baxter 13
16 4903 BRAGADO R Armstrong 8-6 ... J Mercer 5
19 00-00 CAMDEN LAD R Hollinshead 8-4 ... S Perks 12
21 0240- FIRST CRY N Vigors 8-2 ... – 6
24 00-do FLEUR-DE-CHRIOSE R Hobson 7-11 ... E Johnson 8
25 0000- PRONUPTIA BRIDE D Dale 7-11 ... B Crossley 7
28 0000- STEVULA A Smith 7-8 ... – 3

1983: Star Of A Gunner 9-0 G Starkey (8-1) R Holder 12 ran.
11-4 zio Peppino, 7-2 Bragado, 4 Miami Star, Mountain Bear, 10 Camden Lad, First Cry, 16 others.

4.15 NOTTINGHAM STAKES (Amateurs: £1,436: 1m 5f) (20)

1 3212- MISTY HALO M Prescott 5-10-12 ... Elain Mellor 7
4 1400- VAL CLIMBER R Stubbs 6-10-11 ... – 13
6 0300- DUKE OF DOLLIS R Armytage 5-10-7 ... Miss G Armytage 5 10
7 /4021- HIGH RENOWN T Barron 4-10-7 ... Mrs Val Greaves 5 1
11 00-00 TINOCO R Hollinshead 4-10-7 ... Miss Carine Swarbrick 5 9
12 40-00 BLUE BREEZE (B) S Norton 4-10-4 ... Mrs Jenny Goulding 3
14 000-0 HAGEN'S BARGAIN F Yardley 4-10-4 ... Sarah Yardley 5 11
18 HIGH EAGLE R Holder 4-10-3 ... Mr J Phillips 5 17
19 LINE OF FORTUNE H Candy 4-10-3 ... Mr R Smith 5 12
20 33230- MINSHAANSHU LAD J Ciechanowski 5-10-3 ... Brooke Saunders 8
21 MOBILE C Booth 7-10-3 ... – 20
23 00-00 NATIVE LAW R Hobson 4-10-3 ... – 15
24 3000- NORTHERN FLATS T Bulgin 4-10-3 ... Mrs Nicola Bulgin 5 5
25 0020- NORTHERN TRIAL P Kelleway 4-10-3 ... Mr A Kelleway 5 19
26 0-43 PHYSICAL (BF) P Walwyn 4-10-3 ... Mr T Thomson Jones 18
27 20-24 SHUTLAR'S FLING M Haynes 4-10-3 ... Yvonne Haynes 2
30 0000/ TURI A Smith 5-10-3 ... – 14
32 000-0 EASTERN TREASURE J Smith 5-10-0 ... Geraldine Rees 6
34 0/000- MUMMY'S PRIDE (B) K Bridgwater 6-10-0 ... Miss Hannah Bridge 5 16
36 0 PANROCK M Tate 4-10-0 ... – 4

1983: Big-Ed 4-10-4 A Hollinshead (11-2) R Hollinshead 15 ran.
5-2 Misty Halo, 5 Blue Breeze, Shutlars Fling, 7 Physical, Northern Trial, 10 High Renown, 12 others.

4.45 CLUMBER STAKES (3-y-o: £1,792: 1m 2f) (23)

1 42-12 HAFEAF Thomson Jones 9-7 ... T Rogers 18
2 00-1 JOHNNY CROWN L Cumani 9-7 ... D McHargue 21
3 1 VITAL BOY (D) J Winter 9-4 ... W R Swinburn 14
6 0- AROMA G Huffer 8-11 ... B Crossley 20

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WARWICK

GOING: good to firm
Draw: Low numbers best

2.15 MARTON STAKES (3-Y-O: 6f 13 runners)

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1983: Tacheo 8-11 R Wigham (7-2) W Wharton 11 ran.

Warwick selections
By Mandarin
2.15 Easy Jeans. 2.45 Saffron Poser. 3.15 Winmarie. 3.45 Axe Valley. 4.15 Over The Rainbow. 4.45 Be My Queen.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Easy Jeans. 2.45 Luigi's Glory. 4.15 Over The Rainbow. 4.45 Be My Queen.

2.45 LAST STRAW SELLING HANDICAP (£1,091: 1m) (25)

1 4-000 MASTER CARVER D Wintle 4-9-10 ... A Dicks 7 8
2 030-0 IN SLIPS C Miller 5-9-5 ... C Nutter 21
4 000-0 COOL WIND B Price 5-8-13 ... M Rimmer 3 10
8 4-330 SAFFRON POSER J Berry 4-8-9 ... B Raymond 4
9 2-404 LEITH SPRING R Stubbs 5-8-9 ... – 11
10 000-0 DRUM MAKER G Kindersley 4-8-9 ... S Keightley 3
11 201-0 CHESTNUT PALE (D)(B) N Tinkler 5-8-8 ... Kim Spink 7 19
15 020-0 MARALINGO Mrs C Lloyd Jones 4-8-5 ... E Guest 5 24
16 0200- SASHAMEL R Hodges 5-8-4 ... J H Brown 5 9
17 020-0 GRACIOUS HOMES D H Jones 3-8-3 ... A Barclay 20
18 0040- LICHEN GREEN (D) Mrs Lloyd-Jones 6-8-3 ...

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33 0060- SERENA PLASTICS G Blum 4-8-0 ... G Sexton 15
34 400-0 CITY SWINGER W Wharton 4-8-0 ... W Wharton 7
36 0/600- B M C SPECIAL (C) J Gilbert 9-8-0 ... C Allen 5

1983: Lady Tut 3-7-10 N Carlisle (8-1) T Bill 14 ran.
9-2 Maida Vale, 11-2 Saffron Poser, 6 Leith Spring, 13-2 In Slips, Minica, 8 Master Carver, Chestnut Pale, 10 Song to Singo, 14 Others.

3.15 RADIO W M HANDICAP (£3,169: 2m) (4)

4 320-0 RIKKI TAVI B Hills 4-9-7 ... R Hills 3
10 33-00 LUIGI'S GLORY R J Williams 4-8-12 ... M Hills 2
16- 00/3 WINMARIE C Hill 6-8-0 ... T Williams 7 1
18 29-00 CHELSEA MAID (B) D Laing 5-7-7 ... K Radcliffe 7 4

1983: Wet Bob 5-7-10 S Dawson (5-1) R Holder 11 ran.
11-8 Winmarie, 15-8 Rikki Tavi, 7-2 Luigi's Glory, 10 Chelsea Maid.

3.45 GOG BROOK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,036: 5f) (16)

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19 PATSY'S TAXI K Brassey 8-11 ... J H Brown 5 6
21 POOELLA S Mellor 8-11 ... N Howe 2
23 ROMAN MAID J Bosley 8-11 ... I Johnson 7
25 SEA FARER LAKE M Usher 8-11 ... – 9
26 SHAHDAROBA D H Jones 8-11 ... A Barclay 8
30 THE GOLF SLIDE J Berry 8-11 ... B Raymond 13
31 THE REDDINGS D Wintle 8-11 ... D Dinsley 15

9-4 Creetown Lady, 3 Glazepta State, 9-2 Melodious Miss, 5 Axe Valley, 8 Lady Deschamps, 10 The Golf Slide, 14 others.

Results of 2.15 card:

15 000-0 TENDER INCH (B) M Usher 8-11 ... S Keightley 11
17 0020- ACER LAD D Wintle 8-8 ... N Howe 2
19 000-0 ASCOT BELLE (B) D Hanley 8-8 ... – 7
20 0000- BRI-ETTE L Holt 8-8 ... Angela Frampton 7 8
22 0-4 DOUSSARD J Tree 8-8 ... K Williams 6
28 00-3 KOORINGA M Salaman 8-8 ... J Williams 13
29 0000- LAKSHMI LADY R Holder 8-8 ... R Street 1
31 0000- LONELY STREET D Laing 8-8 ... K Radcliffe 7 9
36 00- SYLVAN PARK S Mathews 8-8 ... E Guest 5 10

1983: Son of A Gunner 8-11 M Wighham (16-1) S Mellor 13 ran.
5-2 Doussard, 7-2 Easy Jeans, 5 Shades Of Blue, 13-2 Megastar, 8 Kooringa, 10 Frogmoor, 14 others.

4.15 WARWICKSHIRE SPRINT HANDICAP (£1,948: 5f) (17)

7 033-4 OVER THE RAINBOW (D) J Winter 7-9-7 ... P Hamblett 4
8 0200- YANGTSE-KIANG (B) J M Bradley 4-9-7 ... J Matthias 17
11 040-0 PENCHETTA C Williams 4-9-6 ... E Guest 5 10
12 00-00 SEVEN CLUBS (D) C Drew 4-9-6 ... S Keightley 1
15 4/30-0 OFF THE CUFF (B) M Salaman 4-9-5 ... J Williams 8
19 230-0 WOW WEE WOO (D) E Witts 3-8-13 ... D McKeown 7
20 000-0 SPECTACULAR SKY D Leslie 6-8-11 ... W Wharton 14
21 002-0 RUN RIOT W Wightman 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 3 9
22 0000- STEEL PASS (D) M Usher 6-8-10 ... – 16
24 04-00 INDY (D) C Wildman 4-8-7 ... J McLean 7 6
26 400- SAM PETE K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-7 ... D Brown 7 3
29 4430- MANDRAKE BELLE (CD) B Gubby 5-8-5 ... J H Brown 5 13
30 803-0 BROWN TAW C J Hill 3-8-5 ... T Williams 7 2
32 0000- MISS SMART SHOES P Haynes 3-8-3 ... N Howe 11
33 000- PORTADORE M Usher 4-8-2 ... – 15
34 0/00 IMPERIAL LANTERN D Chapman 4-8-1 ... S P Griffiths 7 12
35 600-0 CAPTAIN'S BIDD L Lightbrown 4-7-10 ... A Proud 5

1983: Central Carpets 4-8-3 J Brown (5-1) R Stubbs 14 ran.
5-2 Over The Rainbow, 4 Mandrake Belle, 11-2 Wow Wee Woo, 13-2 Off The Cuff, 8 Yangtse-Kiang, Penchetta, 12 Run Riot, 14 Brown Taw, Steel Pass, 16 others.

4.45 LEEK WOOTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £969: 1m) (17)

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12 0 FLORESSA R Smyth 8-11 ... S Whitworth 7 2
16 000-0 KASHIDA G Wragg 8-11 ... – 14
20 MAINTOWN R Holder 8-11 ... R Street 5
22 00- MAZIMMA R Houghton 8-11 ... J Matthias 8
23 00- MAZYOUN P Walwyn 8-11 ... N Howe 13
25 00- MISS PUDDLEDUCK B Hills 8-11 ... R Hills 4
26 00- MY BRIGHT EYES J Gilbert 8-11 ... D McKEOWN 12
29 ROCAS R Houghton 8-11 ... D Price 7 8
30 SASHIA G Huffer 8-11 ... J H Brown 5 15
32 0- SEA MIRACLE J Winter 8-11 ... M Hills 16

1983: Maestrette 8-6 C Ollivier (7-2) S Norton 16 ran.
11-4 Kashida, 7-2 Rocas, 5 Miss Puddleduck, 13-2 Be My Queen, Do Your Best, 8 Mazyoun, 10 others.

Fairyhouse field

GOING: good
[Televised: (BBC1) (ITV) 3.30]

3.30 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£28,576: 3m 4f) (30 runners)

1 323 DRUMLARGAN E O'Grady 10-12-0 ... Mr F Codd
2 001 ROYAL BOND A Moore 11-11-13 ... T J Taafe
3 2-10 ELIOGARTY J Hassett 9-11-2 ... Miss C Beasley
4 022 GREASEPAINT D Weld 9-10-13 ... T Carmody
5 101 MISTER DONOVAN E O'Grady 8-10-12 ... J J O'Neill
6 13f SICILIAN ANSWER J Cox 7-10-7 ... J P Byrne
7 10f SILENT MEMBER P Hughes 8-10-4 ... H Rogers
8 201 RICHARDSTOWN T Costello 8-10-1 ... Mr T Costello
9 14-1 CARRIAGEENSHARRAGH R Lalor 8-10-0 ... –
10 330 DARING RUN P McCreery 9-10-0 ... T Morgan
11 u00 DOUBTFUL VENTURE P Mullins 8-9-11 ... P Kavanagh
12 03p FELICITY'S PET J G Murphy 10-9-11 ... P Gill
13 114 MASTER VINCENTS M Cunningham 8-9-11 ... K Morgan
14 111 MACKS FRIENDLY P Mullins 7-9-10 ... A Mullins
15 u30 ROYAL APPOINTMENT T Carberry 9-9-10 ... A Powell
16 4-14 THE ELLIER A Moore 8-9-10 ... J Byrne

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29 020 SMARTSIDE E P Harty 9-9-7 ... R O'Donovan
30 200 YER MAN (B) A J MacNamara 9-9-7 ... J J Maher

RESERVES:
1 LUCK DAUGHTER MS C Purcell 8-9-7 ... –
2 JURAT W Hailey 7-9-7 ... –
3 WREMANDO M McCausland 10-9-7 ... –

5 Greasepaint, Macks Friendly, 7 Drumlargan, Eliogarty, 8 Royal Bond, Mister Donovan, 10 Sicilian Answer, 12 Daring Run, Carrigeensharragh, 14 The Ellier, Royal Appointment, 16 others.

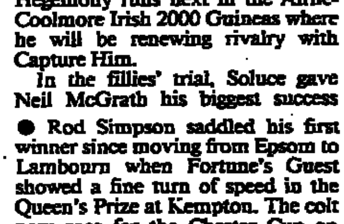
Longchamp runners

GOING: good to firm

POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (group D: 3-y-o: £41,254: 1m) (14 runners)

112-1 ROUSILLON G Harwood 9-2 ... Pat Eddery
-23 RIVER'S WAVE Al-Kabir R Collet 9-2 ... J-C Dessaint
412-2 NIKOS J-C Cunnington 9-2 ... A Badel
44-12 GREEN PARADISE A Fabre 9-2 ... Y Saint-Martin
123-3 SIBERIAN EXPRESS A Fabre 9-2 ... A Gilbert
101-1 DIAMADA G Bridgland 9-2 ... M Philipperon
00-01 BOUNTIFUL J Fellows 9-2 ... G Doleuze
42-41 DUKE OF SILVER A Fabre 9-2 ... G Dubroeucq
211-2 POLLY'S ARK F Boutin 9-2 ... G Guignard
-1 PALACE MUSIC P-L Biancone 9-2 ... L Piggott
132-1 MENDEZ (P S Niarchos) F Boutin 9-2 ... C Asmussen
10-2 KEYALA F Boutin 9-2 ... O Mongalluzzo
1-3 IN FOCUS D Smaga 9-2 ... A Lequeux
212-4 TRUCULENT Mme C Head 9-2 ... F Head

5-2 Mendiz, Keyala (coupled), 7-2 Siberian Express, Green Paradise, Duke Of Silver, (coupled), 4 Rousillon, 5 Nikos, 8 Diamada, Truculent, 14 Palace Music, 15 Bountiful, Polly's Ark, 33 River's Wave, In Focus.





Steve Cauthen: two winners at Kempton on Saturday

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
H Cecil	7	4	2	0	+3.92
G Harwood	7	4	9	4	–7.01
R Hollinshead	7	1	6	0	–13.88
P Kelleway	7	5	4	2	+9.15
W O'Gorman	6	5	3	2	+4.58
J Berry	5	12	8	3	–12.00
D W Chapman	5	4	2	3	+21.00
R Hannon	4	3	5	0	–9.50
B Hills	4	1	4	12	–14.50
M Lambert	4	0	1	5	–2.75
D Plant	4	2	3	5	+5.25
M Ryan	4	2	1	5	+7.00
D Smith	4	0	2	5	+7.00
J Watts	4	4	5	0	+11.75

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	13	8	4	7	+15.89
S Cauthen	11	8	9	0	–20.25
G Starkey	9	4	8	12	+17.49
W Swinburn	9	7	2	1	+37.17
G Duffield	7	12	4	23	–18.13
T Ives	7	15	5	6	–17.44
P Robinson	7	4	1	6	+22.75
D Nicholls	6	8	3	4	+24.73
S Perks	6	1	4	1	–12.38
W Ryan	6	1	4	21	+15.00

Course specialists

KEMPTON
TRAINERS: G Harwood 19 winners from 97 runners, 19.6%; J Dunlop 18 from 115, 15.7%; M Stoute 15 from 74, 20.3%.
JOCKEYS: S Cauthen 17 winners from 95 rides, 17.9%; P Cook 9 from 120, 7.5%; W Carson 27 from 153, 17.6%.

NEWCASTLE
TRAINERS: J Berry 9 winners from 68 runners, 13.2%; J Watts 19 from 123, 15.4%; J Fitzgerald 9 from 69, 13.0%.
JOCKEYS: E Hide 31 winners from 169 rides, 18.3%; G Duffield 16 from 126, 12.7%; N Connorton 9 from 83, 10.8%.

NOTTINGHAM
TRAINERS: H Cecil 30 winners from 57 runners 52.6%; M Soute 19 from 89, 21.3%; A Jarvis 12 from 60, 20.0%%.
JOCKEYS: J Mercer 20 winners from 120 rides, 16.7%; W Swinburn 15 from 97, 15.5%; G Baxter 17 from 115, 14.8%.

WARWICK
TRAINERS: P Cole 20 winners from 107 runners, 18.7%; B Hills 17 from 92, 18.5%.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou comfortedst me. Isaiah 12. 1

BIRTHS

CROOK. – On April 4th at Queen Charlotte's, to Vivien – a daughter (Alexandra Louisa Faraday).

ROBB. – On April 16th, to Alison Polly (nee Triton) and David – a son (John Piers).

TAPP. – On April 19th, 1984, at St Thomas's Hospital, SE1, to Suzy (nee Milward) and David Tapp – a son (Edward), a brother for James.

BIRTHDAYS

DENIS CLARKE of Walsingham – birthday greetings and love from the family.

RUTH Happy 19 x 9d times Birthday Anniversary Greetings. That's as many as I can think of. G.W.

ST GEORGE'S DAY but not a dragon. Happy birthday Treash, love E. P. and R X X X

GOLDEN WEDDING

CARPENTER:HORDEN – On April 23rd, 1934, in London, Victor Charles to Louisa Alexandra. Congratulations.

DIAMOND WEDDING

DUNCAN–HENRY. At Bellahouston Parish Church, Glasgow, on 23rd April 1924, Agnes (Nan) Stirling Henry of Brox to William Ogilvy Duncan of Biggar, Lanarkshire. Now at Weoley Hill, Birmingham.

GRIFFITHS – PUGSLEY – Diamond Wedding. On 23rd April 1924, in Colombo, Dennis Griffiths to Dorothy Pugsley. Now at Brusford, Dulverton.

MASON : BRAND. – On St George's Day, 1924, at St Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, Lieutenant Frank Trowbridge Mason, Royal Navy, to Margot Brand.

DEATHS

BURY. – On 13th April, 1984, Doris Alma, aged 91 years, at her home in Wahroonga, Sydney, NSW, Australia. Widow of the late Rev Ernest Bury, Vicar of All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Poole. Loved mother of Leslie, Mary, Zoe ...

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UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering

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Departmental research is well funded with many industrial contacts.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (8 copies), giving the names and addresses of not more than three referees, should be lodged on or before 4th June, 1984.

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UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Regius Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The Secretary of State for Scotland invites applications for the Regius Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the University of Aberdeen which falls vacant on 1 October 1984 on the retirement of *Professor Ian MacGillivray.*

It is expected that in addition to high professional standing and excellence in research, the new Regius Professor should have the capacity and the motivation for a role in leadership in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in the Faculty of Medicine and in the University as a whole.

A note of the Conditions of Appointment and Further Particulars *may be obtained from:*

The Secretary,
Scottish Education Department,
Room 3/114, New St Andrew's House,
EDINBURGH EH1 3SY.

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Regius Chair of Surgery

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The Secretary,
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UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

" New Blood " Lectureship in PHYSIOLOGY – NUTRITION

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BBC 1

00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

30 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Fern Britton. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.55; review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; film and pop record review between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33.

)0 **Battle of the Planets.** A cartoon science fiction adventure entitled Perlious Pleasure Cruise. **9.20 Look Back with Noakes** sailing from Fishguard to Porthmadog (r). **9.50 Cartoon: Mighty Mouse** in The Magician (r). **10.00 Why Don't You . . .?** Ideas from Bristol for bored youngsters. **10.25 Ivor the Engine** (r).

)0 **Play School,** presented by Chloe Ashcroft. **10.55 The Young Runaways.** Part two of the Walt Disney adventure. **11.45 Running the Tide.** Andrew Cooper explores the Exe Estuary in Devon. **12.15 Cartoons:** Two starring Tom and Jerry. **12.27** Weather from Bill Giles.

:0 **Grandstand,** presented by David Coleman. The line-up is: 12.35 *Football focus. Bob Wilson* previews the European trophy matches to be played on Wednesday; **12.55 and 4.00** The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship; **1.25, 2.10, 2.45 and 3.40** Motor racing from Thruxton; **1.55, 2.30, 3.05** Racing from Chepstow including the Welsh Champion hurdle at 3.10; **3.30** The Jameson Irish Grand National from Fairyhouse.

I5 **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons.

'5 **News with Moira Stuart. 5.35 Sport and regional news.**

I0 **The World's Strongest Man.** Donny MacLeod introduces the competition for the *Homelink Trophy* from Christchurch New Zealand. Eight Goliaths representing Holland, Canada, Nigeria, the United States, New Zealand, Iceland and Great Britain (Geoff Capes) in gruelling tests of strength.

I0 **Film: Battle of Midway** (1976) starring Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda and James Coburn. Dramatic reconstruction of the famous naval battle in the Pacific between the United States Navy aand the Japanese Navy during World War Two. Directed by Jack Smight.

5 **News with Moira Stuart.**

-0 **Dave Allen.** A compilation of the best of the irreverent comedian's series of three years ago.

0 **Film 84 Special** presented by Barry Norman from Los Angeles. As well as imparting all the latest news and gossip from filmland's capital Mr Norman will be talking to Patrick Duffy of Dallas infamy, Sissy Spacek, Kirk Douglas, Sherry Lansing and Leonard Nimoy.

5 **Film: The Black Windmill** (1974) starring Michael Caine, Joseph O'Connor and Donald Pleasence. Spy thriller with Caine an agent investigating an international arms syndicate when his son is kidnapped. It is then a race against time to recover his son and to uncover the mole in the agent's department. Directed by Don Siegel.

0 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 8.55; celebrity guests include Susan George and Simon McCorkindale. **9.00 Roland Goes East.**

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Sesame Street.** Learning made fun by the Muppets and their human guests. **10.25 Film: Twice Two*** (1933) starring Laurel and Hardy in dual roles as themselves and each other's wives at an anniversary dinner. Directed by James Parrott.

10.45 **Film: Roller Boogie** (1979) starring Linda Blair and Jim Bray. A roller skating love affair between the musical student daughter of a rich lawyer and a young man who hires skates for a living. His enthusiasm for roller skating and boogie music envelops the girl and they become obsessed with winning a boogie dance contest. Directed by Mark Lester.

12.30 **Bank Holiday Sport** introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is: **12.35, 1.30, 3.15 and 4.00** Motorcycling from Donington Park. The Transatlantic Challenge between riders from the United States and the Commonwealth; **12.45** Football report. **1.00 News.** 1.05 Golf: highlights of yesterday's final round of the Sea Pines *Heritage Classic* in South Carolina; **1.55** The ITV Six. The **2.00, 2.30 and 3.00** from Kempton, the **2.15 and 2.45** from Newcastle and at **3.00** the Irish Grand National from Fairyhouse; **3.50** Football half-time round-up; **4.45** Results.

5.05 **News.**

5.10 **The Wind in the Willows.** Rosemary Anne Sisson's brilliant adaptation of the classic Kenneth Grahame tale with superb models created by Cosgrove Hall. Among the voices are those of Ian Carmichael, Michael Hordern, David Jason and Beryl Reid.

6.40 **What's My Line?** Eamonn Andrews invites guests with unusual occupations to mime what they do for a panel to try and work out. This week's panel consists of Ernie Wise, Jilly Cooper, Nikolai Tolstoy, Barbara Kelly and George Gale.

7.10 **Coronation Street.** A canal cruise for Curly and the gang doesn't go as planned when most of the crew deserts while Deirdre's and Ken's day out is spoilt when Ken receives an urgent message (Oracle titles page 170).

7.40 **Film: Jaws** (1975) starring Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss. The film that sent people scurrying to the countryside for their holidays. A gripping acccount of the search for a killer shark with a penchant for human swimmers. Tension mounts from the beginning when a young girl becomes the shark's first take-away. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

10.00 **News.**

10.15 **Des O'Connor Now!** Music and chat live from the Royalty Theatre in London.

11.15 **The Timeless Land.** Drama serial about early settlers in Australia. Starring Michael Craig and Nicola Pagett.

12.15 **Night Thoughts** from Richard Causton of the Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism Church, Richmond, Surrey.

Karen Beardsley: Where the Wild Things Are (BBC2, 6.25pm)

● **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE** (BBC 2, 6.25pm) inhabits an ill-defined area roughly half way between It's a Knockout, pantomime, Peter Pan, and opera, and it is an amalgam of the best of all four worlds, and the worst. Give or take an optical trick or two, this is a straightforward recording of the Glyndebourne production of Oliver Knussen's children's opera, staged at the National Theatre. Absent, tonight, however, are the electrified youngsters in the audience at the National either scared out of their skins by the *Jeux Sans Frontières* monsters that towered over Max, the boy adventurer, or cheered themselves hoarse at his grotesquely comical capering. If you care as much about the quality of the music, as about the decor then listen to the

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simultaneous transmission on Radio 3. In stereo, preferably.

● Other TV highlights today: **ERIC LIDDELL – FLYING SCOTSMAN** (BBC 2, 5.40pm), the documentary that takes up the story of the Olympic runner more or less where the film *Chariots of Fire* ended it; and **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER** (Channel 4, 8.00pm), a softly-softly variation on the racial prejudice theme, but remembered with deep affection because it marked the final partnering of the mortal Tracy and the immortal Hepburn.

● Nobody should be surprised that the experienced Denis Quilley, an epic actor with voice to match, comes up trumps as the horror-supp'd usurper in Martin Jenkins's new production of **MACBETH** (Radio 4, 7.50pm). But Hannah Gordon's Lady Macbeth knocks us for six. Once she has got her opening speech whisperings out of the way (it is too early in the play for sotto-voce stuff), she becomes a silky viper that makes our hairs stand on end. I don't know what her Lady Macbeth will do for her personal image, but it will work wonders for her professional reputation. This is such a full-blooded production that the play does not seem at all out of place in this Monday Play slot which is customarily non-Shakespearean. Ilona Sekacz's music, minimal in terms of *bars*, exerts the maximum impact in terms of atmosphere.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

10.25 **World Snooker.** The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Coverage of the final ten frames in matches involving Bill Werbeniuk, the number eight seed and David Taylor, the tenth seed.

12.30 **Ceefax.**

1.50 **The Man Who Invented the 20th Century.** A documentary about Sir Charles Algernon Parsons who patented his steam turbine engine design in April 1884.

2.20 **Classically Cuban.** An Arena film featuring the Cuban National Ballet under their founder and teacher, Alicia Alonso, rehearsing and performing in Havana and at factories and plantations on the city's outskirts (r).

3.20 **Film: Jesus Christ Superstar** (1973) starring Ted Neeley and Carl Anderson. Spectacular version of the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical depicting the last seven days of Jesus's life. Directed by Norman Jewison (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.05 **World Snooker.** Coverage of matches involving Terry Griffiths and Eddie Charlton.

5.40 **Eric Liddell – Flying Scotsman.** Sally Magnusson tells the story of one of the Chariots of Fire heroes who, after winning his Olympic Gold medal, went to China as a missionary only to die in a Japanese internment camp. Among those interviewed are his widow, Florence, and his sister, Jenny Sommerville (r).

6.25 **Where the Wild Things Are.** A one-act fantasy opera by Oliver Knussen (See Choice).

7.05 **World Snooker.** Further coverage of the Terry Griffiths's and Eddie Charlton's matches.

7.30 **News summary with subtitles.**

7.35 **Gardeners' World** from Barnsdale. David Tostavin advises on selecting and growing hardy annuals; Geoff Hamilton creates a new lawn; and Anne Mayo has news on the care of pot plants.

8.00 **Call My Bluff.** Arthur Marshall, Victoria Wood and Tim Brooke-Taylor try to fool Frank Muir, Kate O'Mara and Godfrey Smith (r).

8.30 **Sporting Chance.** Suzi Quatro enters her first clay pigeon shooting competition; Brian Hooper is still white-water canoeing; and Francis Wilson perseveres with his weight training course.

9.00 **World Snooker.** Alex Higgins makes his first appearance in this year's championship while Kirk Stevens completes his first round match.

9.50 **Stardust Road.** A tribute to the music of Hoagy Carmichael by Georgie Fame.

10.25 **News with Moira Stuart.**

10.30 **Return to Eden.** With Omar Sharif in the Seychelles.

11.20 **World Snooker.** Ends at 11.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.40 **Film: The Frozen Limits*** (1939) starring the Crazy Gang as fairground workers whose sideshow is being ruined by opposition that includes a troupe of hula hula dancers. They read in the newspaper about the Alaskan gold rush. Is that where our heroes' fortune lies? Directed by Marcel Varnel.

4.15 **Countdown.** Another round of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.

4.45 **Film: San Ferry Ann*** (1965) starring Wilfred Bramble. A silent comedy about a group of English holidaymakers in France. With Ron Moody, Graham Stark, Joan Sims and Barbara Windsor. Directed by Jeremy Summers.

5.45 **Henry's Cooper's Golden Belt.** The second semi-final of the Inter City Boys' Club Boxing Challenge is between North London and Liverpool. Henry Cooper's guests are Terry Downes and Dave Sexton. A topical guest is professor Bryan Jennett, a member of the working party which has just produced a report highlighting the danger of brain damage in boxing.

6.45 **Hey Good Looking.** The first of a new series that looks at the visual arts in everyday life. In tonight's programme Janet Street-Porter takes a look at what she considers are the best of the current advertisements.

7.00 **News summary and weather** followed by **Enterprise Special.** The first of two programmes about the business world. Tonight, John Swinfield, the recent winner of the Industrial Radio and Television Journalist of the Year award, talks to Lord Arnold Weinstock, chief of GEC.

8.00 **Film: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** (1967) starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. A witty and sophisticated comedy about a supposedly liberal couple whose beliefs are put to the test when their daughter announces that she is going to marry a black doctor. With Sidney Poitier and Katharine Houghton. Directed by Stanley Kramer.

10.00 **Al Paradise.** The singing dancing, acrobatics and clowning show that won for Italy the Golden Rose award at Montreaux.

10.55 **Perfect Lives.** Part one of a seven-programme opera especially created for television, exploting the most creative video techniques. It tells the story of a singer and his piano playing friend who uncover a plot to rob a bank. Written by and starring Robert Ashley.

11.25 **Bless My Soul.** Comedy, by Sean Hardie, co-founder of Not the Nine O'Clock News, in the form of a service of thanksgiving from the Second Church of Christ Monetarist.

12.20 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Music on Record Chopin, played by Claudio Arrav.† 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, inclu. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4. A look ahead.
8.43 Three Stories by D. H. Lawrence. (1) Tickets Please, read by Geoffrey Matthews. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Team Choice with Jimmy Hill. Jimmy Hill meets the staff of Concorde both on the ground and in the air as he sets off for Miami.†
10.00 News; Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Holy Smoke' by Barry Fantoni. Read by the author.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way visits Taunton in Somerset.
11.48 Poetry Please! Readers: David Warner and Rosalind Shanks.
12.00 News; Smash of the Day: "Take it From Here" (Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, June Whitfield) (r).
12.27 Stilgoe's Around with Richard Stilgoe at the World Wine Fair, Bristol.† 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Open To All 'The World of the National Trust' – Malcolm Billings examines the work of the NT.
2.30 Dame Flora. Dame Flora Robson talks about her 60-year career. With sequences from some of her many films.
3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre "The Old Ladies" by Rodney Ackland. Play based on Hugh Walpole's novel, co-starring Joyce Carey, Fabia Drake and Margot Boyd. It is set in a country house just before Christmas, when preparations for a party are upset by a series of sinister events. The narrator is Jon Strickland.
4.30 What's In A Name? Presented by Denis Owen.
4.40 Story Time: The Mind of Mr J. G. Reeder. Stories by Edgar Wallace "Sheer Melodrama."
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Ruston and Barry Cryer. †
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now. A weekly review of discoveries and developments.
7.50 The Monday Play: "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. A new production, by Martin Jenkins, with specially written music by Ilona Sekacz. Starring Denis Quilley in the title role, Hannah Gordon as Lady Macbeth, Nigel Terry as Banquo, John Rowe as Macduff, Stuart Organ as Malcolm, Clifford Rose as Duncan, Jane Knowles as Lady Macduff. (See Choice)
10.00 Kaleidoscope: presented by Paul Vaughan. A shortened repeat of the Kaleidoscope 'special' about the exhibition of Romanesque Art at the Hayward Gallery in London.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: John Rowe reads part one of Norman Lewis's Naples 44. Abridged for radio by Mary Benson.
10.30 The World Tonight: Headlines at 11.00.
11.15 The Front Page Story: Another chance to hear this feature, presented by Dick Vosburgh, about Charles MacArthur's and Ben Hecht's American play The Front Page, and the many stage and film versions of it, including the Jack Lemon/Walter Matthau film, and Windy City, the stage musical.
12.00 News.

ENGLAND: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 pm (continued).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Festival overture; Lyadov's Enchanted Lake; Glinka's Cradle Song (Christoff); and Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1 (Mints/Chicago SO). 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Peer Gynt incidental music by Grieg and Saeverud; And Rubbra's Symphony No 6. 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Die Beiden Padagogen overture; Octet in E flat Op 20; and overture A Midsummer Night's Dream.†
10.00 Piano Duets: Hummel's Sonata in E flat Op 51; and Goetz's Sonata in G minor, Op 17, played by Richard Markham and David Nettle.†
10.40 Bridge and Britten: Bridge's tone poem Summer; and Britten's Variations on a theme of Bridge.†
11.20 Schubert and Schumann Songs and Duets: recital by Ann Murray, mezzo soprano; Philip Langridge, tenor and John Constable, piano. The Schumann works include the mezzo solo Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt; and Heiss mich nicht reden; and Schubert's duets Licht and Liebe.†
12.15 City of Birmingham SO: part one. With Ernst Kovacic, violin. Reznicek's overture Donna Diana; and Dvorak's Violin Concerto†. 1.00 News.
1.05 Concert: part two. Schubert's Symphony No 9.†
2.00 Music Weekly: includes a conversation with William Pleeth; and Nicholas Kenyon on American orchestras and their tradition (r).†
2.50 New Records: Monteverdi's Magnificat a 8 (Taverner Players, Taverner Consort and soloists Kirkby, Covey-Crump, David Thomas); Buxtehude's Prelude and Fugue, Bux WV 149; Haydn's String Quartet Op 76 No 3; Schoenberg's Three Folk Songs for mixed choir; Kreisler's Liebesfreud; Berlioz's Sumphonie fantastique.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Taffanel and Gounod: Taffanel's Wind Quintet in G minor; and Gounod's Petite Sumphonie in B flat.†
5.45 Mozart: Academy of Ancient Music play the Symphony No 39.†
6.20 Where the Wild Things Are: Simultaneous transmission with BBC2 of Oliver Knussen's fantasy opera in one act, played by London Sinfonietta, conducted by the composer at Glyndebourne. The role of Max is sung by Karen Beardsley.†
7.10 Bavaria in the Jungle: Nigel Andrews considers the films of German director Werner Herzog (Fitzcarraldo was one of them) and relates them to the culture that produced him: that of Bavaria. Herzog, and others, are interviewed.
7.50 Berlin Chamber Orchestra: J S Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3; Hindemith's Five Pieces for string orchestra; and Mozart's Violin Concerto No 4. Part one.
8.40 On and Off Stage: Poems about the world of theatre, read by Jill Balcon, Hugh Dickson and Gary Watson.
9.05 Berlin Chamber Orchestra: part two. J C Bach's Symphony in E flat Op 9 No 2; and Haydn's Symphony No 38. †
9.45 Dowland: John Elwes, tenor and Timothy Davies, flute in a selection rom the four Books of Airs. †
10.15 Shakespeare as I Knew Him: Richard Vernon reads from the Memoirs-in-Progress of Sir Swindon Reynold (celebrated ham actor).
10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Derek Bailey. †
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Dennis Quilley as Macbeth and Hannah Gordon as Lady Macbeth in Macbeth (Radio 4, 7.50pm)

Radio 2

News on the hour until 1.00pm and then from 6.00 (except 8.00 and 9.00pm). Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.0 midnight. News headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (MF/MW).
4.00am Bill Rennells† 5.30 Colin Berry† incl. 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 John Craven† 12.00 Steve Jones† incl. Bank Holiday sport on 2: Rugby Union (Swansea v Barbarians) Motor Cycling (Transatlantic Challenge). Snooker (World Professional Snooker Championships). Racing from Kempton Park and Racing from Fairyhouse. 5.00 Sports Report. 6.00 John Dunn† (stereo from 7.00). 7.30 St George's Day Concert direct from the Royal Festival Hall, London, with the BBC Concert Orchestra and singers Maryetta and Vernon Midgley, John Lawrenson and the Leicester Philharmonic Choir. 8.10-8.30 Interval. Mysterious Shakespeare and his Music, with Alan Hyman. 9.30 You Can Sing the Next Song. The John Horler Quintet and guests sing 20 songs in 25 minutes† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Space Force. A series of six programmes. 3: The Silver Strangers. 10.25 Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. 11.00 Brian Mattew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 CHARLES Nove presents Nightride† 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2 Cyril Tawney with recordings from the National Folk Music Festival 1984.

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12.00 midnight. 6.00 Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.30 Solid Gold with Simon Bates (Part 2) Simon Bates with hits that acieved the coveted title "Gold Record", including 12.30-12.35 Newsbeat. 1.00 Radio 1 Roadshow. Gary Davies and Janice Long from Cranfield Airport, Bedfordshire.† 2.30 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30-5.35 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00 With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Vilette. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 The Future of Work. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 An Ice Cream War. 11.30 Omnibus. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Cambridge Buskers. 1.45 Intimate Voices. 2.30 Pageant of the Past. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Iberia, Iberia. 4.30 The Future of Work. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 London Royal. 9.15 An Ice-Cream War. 9.30 Counterpoint. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Interlude. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Iberia, Iberia. 11.30 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Intimate Voices. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Such Sweet Harmony. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 London Royal. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.45 Interlude. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

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BBC 1 Wales: 5.35-5.40pm Sports News Wales. 12.10am News of Wales headlines and weather. Scotland: 5.35-5.40pm Scoreboard. 5.40-6.40 Circus Night Out from The Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, with The Roberts Brothers Circus. Intrduced by Rod Hull and Emu. 12.10am Weatherman. Scottish news summay and weather; Close. Northern Ireland: 5.35-5.40pm Northern Ireland. 12.10am Weatherman; Northern Ireland news headlines and weather. Close. England: 12.15am Close.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Cân y Pubydd. 2.15 Interval. 3.20 Film: Kid For Two Farthings. Fantasy. 4.55 Wil Cwac Cwac. 5.00 Helfa Drysor. 5.30 Barriers. 5.55 Avengers. 6.50 Newyddion Saith. 7.00 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 7.30 Aderyn Papur. 9.00 Film: Playing For Time. The art of survival Auschwitz concentration camp. 11.40 Well Being. 12.25am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 11.15pm Hill Street Blues. 12.10am Final Word. 12.15 Closedown. HTV WALES: No variation.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Space 1999. 10.20-10.25 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.10pm Emmerdale Farm. 5.40-6.40 Knight Rider. 11.20 Quincy. 12.15am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 11.15pm Hill Street Blues: Midway to What. 12.10am News at Bedtime, followed by Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 5.40pm Emmerdale Farm. 5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Our Wife*. 6.00-6.40 Scotland Today. 11.15 Late Call. 11.20 Mozart Requiem. 12.20am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.15pm Film: Gumshoe (Albert Finney, Billie Whitelaw). Spoof about a bingo caller who becomes involved in a murder. 12.45am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.15pm Film: Terror from Within (Pamela Franklin). Girl receives a message from her dead fiancé. 12.15am Experience of Easter. 12.20 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.05pm Postscript. 11.20 Quincy. 12.15am Weather. 12.16 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing. 9.30-10.25 Sesame Street. 11.15 Paris Fashion Show. 12.20am News and weather. 12.25 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55-10.45 Thunderbirds. 11.15 Ice Hockey Night. 11.55 Contact. 12.10am Closedown.

ANGLIAN As London except: 11.15pm Hill Street Blues. 12.10am All Kinds of Country: Tammy Cline. 12.40 A New Hymn for Easter, followed by Closedown.

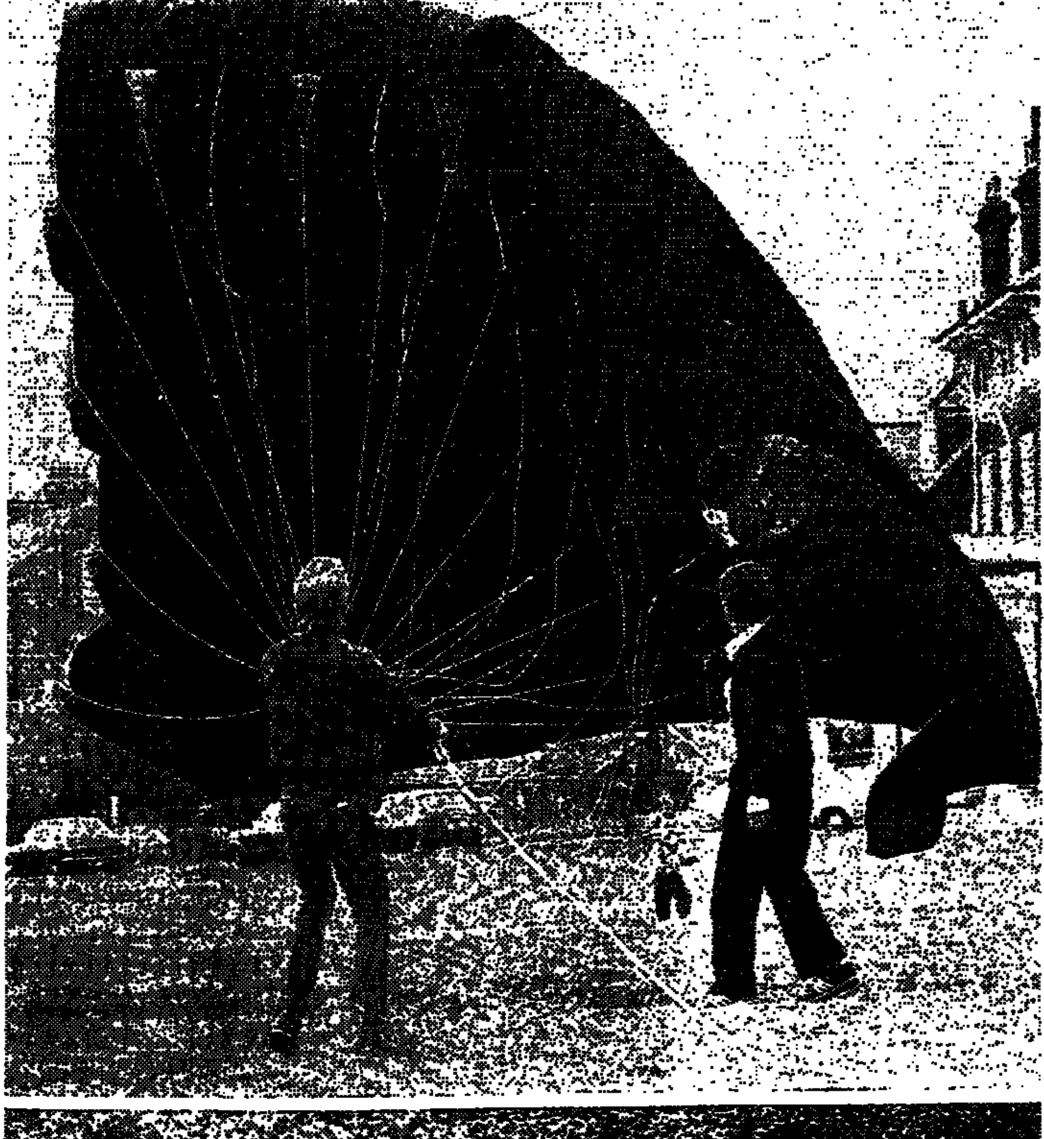
GRANADA As London except: 10.15pm The Sweeney. 11.15 Des O'Connor Show. 12.20am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-10.25 Holiday Time. 11.15 Hill Street Blues. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.15pm Crown Green Bowls. 12.00 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Entertainments





Easter in the sun: Togetherness in Battersea Park yesterday during the annual parade which included penny-farthings. At Blackheath Martin Croxton and his father Peter had trouble launching their parafoil. Photographs: John Player.

Letter from Damascus

TVs, lipstick and a handful of nuts

"Everything for nothing," the brown-jacketed *bazaari* shouts when you start your walk down the Hamadieh soukh in Damascus. His voice runs like a record on a turntable at treble speed. "Whatever - you - want - khaftans - silk - brass - Roman - coin - come - and - see - my - factory." You cannot turn him off.

But the Iranians ignore him. They want to sell as well as buy and they come here in their hundreds – up to 2,000 a week into Damascus airport under Syria's special tourist arrangement with Tehran – to visit the tomb of Sakda Zeynab, to set up camp in the old Semiramis Hotel where the photographs of Ayatollah Khomeini outnumber the pictures of Hafez el-Assad and where the bar has been turned, appropriately enough, into a mosque.

Syria's curious relationship with Iran – two different political species expediently sharing each other's rough hospitality – has produced nothing so extraordinary as the influx of Islamic tourists to Damascus – intense, bearded young men in drab blue suits and women draped in the long, black chadors so familiar on the streets of Tehran.

When they first arrived, the Syrians generously tried to put them up in the Meridan and Sheraton hotels, but the Iranians took a different view of such opulence. They pasted posters of the Ayatollah on the doors and demanded the closure of the bars. The in-house television films were both American and pornographic, they claimed. It was too much, even for the Syrians, and the Iranians were henceforth banished to the darker, purer old hostelries downtown.

Many of the Iranians are poor but their Syrian holidays can be revealing. The women shop in the soukh for cheap brocade to take back to the country that has produced some of the world's finest carpets. Some of them huddle over the little stall in the lobby of the Semiramis to buy American cosmetics beside a massive wall-poster that depicts a trail of unhappy martyrs loping towards the Iraqi frontier.

"We thought they would bring a lot of money," a carpet dealer said. "They are our main tourists now. But they bring nothing. Do you know what they want to sell? They want to sell pistachio nuts – thousands and thousands of pistachio nuts. That's what they bring from Iran."

For Western tourists, the Hamadieh soukh is perhaps the most "oriental" of all the Middle East's bazaars, a medieval complex of narrow streets that divide and subdivide around the great frescoed Ommayad Mosque that appears to have been built around air rather than stone. Abed Cha Cha's brass shop has entertained Jimmy Carter, Lord Carrington, President Nixon, Henry Kissinger and Nelson Rockefeller, and claims to have provided a silk cloth for Queen Elizabeth's coronation gown.

"Mr Carter bought mosaic boxed but Rockefeller . . ." Here Mr Cha Cha pauses expressively for breath. "Rockefeller – he bought a planeload of brass, copper, mosaics. I took it round to his hotel in boxes – a whole planeload."

But the big spenders have gone now. Few want to buy the delicately engraved old Russian shell-cases that the Jews of the soukh decorate so skilfully, nor the acres of Aleppo silk scarves on sale near the mosque.

The Iranians shop for hairdriers and televisions. "Every Iranian can take back a television set," a shopkeeper said. "So that's what they buy." And what did they pay with? "Dollars," he said, "and sometimes they offer us bags of pistachios . . ."

A few of them also turn up with rugs that they have smuggled out of Tehran and trade them to the carpet sellers not far from the Street called Straight. They are eagerly bought up by Austrian officers of the United Nations force on Golan who must be the best-paid soldiers in the whole world.

It is a strange and fitful memento for the Iranians to leave behind them, the evidence from an Islamic republic of one of the most magnificent crafts in the Middle East – silk Qum rugs, and woollen carpets from Saruq smothered in flowers and birds and gazelles and trees that clamber through the windows of stately pleasure domes. But Kubla Khan and Isfahan rest uneasily in the Hamadiyeh soukh these days. What price a pistachio?

Robert Fisk

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New Exhibitions

Paintings by Derek Souter; and wood turned carved and decorated by Liz and Michael O'Donnel: Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4 (until May 10).

Picasso Prints, Scottish Arts Council touring exhibition, Dudhope Arts Centre, St Mary Place, **Dundee**; Mon to Thurs 9 to 9, Fri 9 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 12 (until May 19).

Last chance to see

Mind Over Matter: on sculpture, City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, **Stoke-on-Trent**; 10.30 to 5 (ends today).

Sculpture's Dance, Arts Council exhibition, Mappin Gallery, Weston Park, **Sheffield**: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends today).

Music

Concert by Britten-Pears Orchestra, with Heather Harper (soprano) St Edmundsbury Cathedral, **Bury St Edmunds**, 3.

Organ recital by Donald Spinks, **Norwich** Cathedral, 11.

General

Easter Bonnet Parade, Pier Seafront, **Hastings**, East Sussex, 11 to 2.

Easter Carnival, Sussex County Cricket Ground, Easton Road, **Hove**, 10.30 to 6.

Elite Antiques Fair, De La Warr Pavilion, **Bexhill-on-Sea**, 10.30.

Exhibitions in progress

People planning to visit any of these exhibitions today are advised to check that the gallery is open on Easter Monday.

Watercolours by Cameron F. Coutts, Derek G. M. Mowatt and Keith A. Thomson, Torrence Gallery, 29B Dundas Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Fri 11 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 1 (until May 5).

Patchwork and quilting in Scotland 1700-1984, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 to 1 (until May 19).

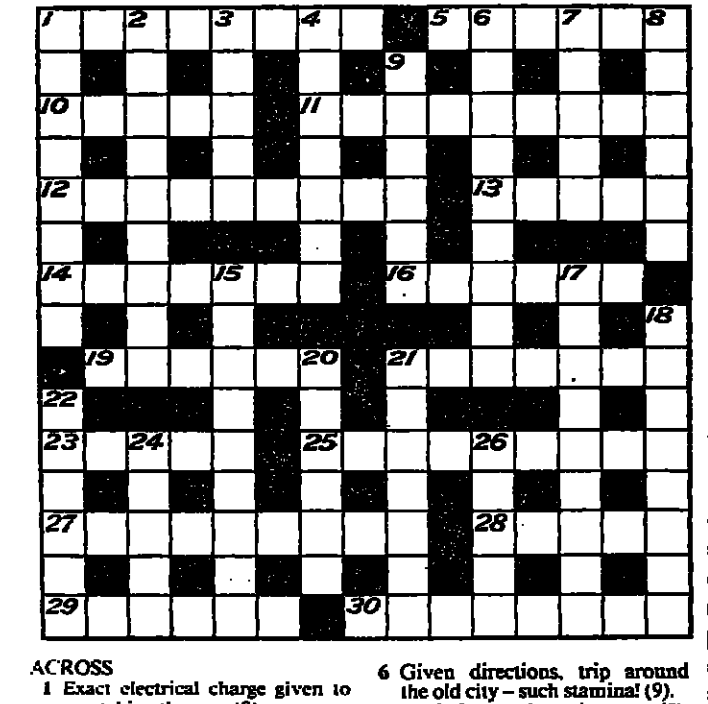
Paintings by Caroline McNairn, 369 Gallery, 369 High Street, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 12 to 5.30 (*until May 5*).

Ernst Dryden, 1883-1938, Lotherton Hall, Aberford, **Leeds**; Tues to Sun 10.30 to 6.15, Thurs 10.30 to 8.30. Easter Monday 10.30 to 6.15, normally closed on Mondays (until July 15).

Image, sponsored by Arts Council, Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, **Bolton**; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed and Sun (until May 19).

Northern Potters '84: work by Northern Potters Association, York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, **York**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (until May 20).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,411



ACROSS
1 Exact electrical charge given to one taking the cure (8).
5 Due to leave (6).
10 The artisan is to some degree a child (5).
11 Forward a note in compensation (9).
12 She'd suit any man! (9).
13 Free back for example – spine (5).
14 Dress hire cut by intention (7).
16 Offer rented accommodation (6).
19 Certainly not out – a notable achievement (6).
21 Bond the explorer and painter (7).
23 Correct title (5).
25 "—— is worse in kings than beggars." *(Cymbeline)* (9).
27 A non-alcoholic drink obtainable in the bar (9).
28 Work one mislaid (5).
29 Service is in a way rebuff (6).
30 Dispersing last, they may appear furtive (8).

DOWN
1 Mounted soldiers, no longer young, getting defensive cover (8).
2 A Spaniard caught with revolutionary Italians (9).
3 Music for some worker on double-time (5).
4 Males in the wrong environment, and suffering for it (7).
6 Given directions, trip around the old city – such stamina! (9).
7 Half of them aim to improve (5).
8 A canopy the examiner required (6).
9 The dog lay being injected with dope (6).
15 Times when not only politically-minded people get cross (9).
17 Financial expert causing some difference to incomes (9).
18 Knowing about gold, acted in a mean way (8).
20 Fed-up and take food, with worst result (6).
21 Everyone entering the examination is most lofty (7).
22 A supporter trains with one on the river (6).
24 Square a dozen – it's quite flagrant! (5).
26 She's got a thousand to leave the USA (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,410 will appear next Saturday

The solution to the concise clues for last Saturday's Jumbo Crossword in on page 8

CONCISE CROSSWORD, PAGE 8

Anniversaries

Births: **William Shakespeare** (the traditional date), Stratford-upon-Avon, 1564; he died there on this day, 1616; **J. M. W. Turner**, London, 1775; **James Buchanan**, fifteenth President of the United States (1857-61), near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, 1791; **Max Planck**, physicist, Kiel, Germany, 1858; **Edmund Henry**, first Viscount Allenby, field marshal, Brackenhurst, Nottinghamshire, 1861; **Sergei Prokofiev**, Sontsovka, Russia, 1891; **Lester Pearson**, Prime Minister of Canada (1963-68), Nobel Peace laureate 1957, Toronto, 1897.

Deaths: **Miguel de Cervantes**, Madrid, 1616; **Henry Vaughan**, poet, Llansantffraed, 1695; **Joseph Nollekins**, sculptor, London, 1823; **William Wordsworth**, poet laureate (1843-50), Grasmere, Cumbria, 1850; **Rupert Brooke**, poet, Skiros, Greece, 1915.

Today is the Feast of Saint George, the patron saint of England. Through the Golden Legend, translated and printed by Caxton – the story of his fight with the dragon – he become a popular cult in the West. The legend also contained an account of his martyrdom *c* 303. Under his patronage Edward III founded the Order of the Garter for which the chapel at Windsor was built.

Later his popularity in Europe declined, except in England where it continued to flourish, Spenser declaiming: ". . . . thou Saint George shalt called be / Saint George of merry England, the sign of victory."

Nature notes

Summer migrants have come in more slowly this year, but the first cuckoos are back – they frequently return to the same territory as in previous years. "Cuckoo" is the male's song; the female has a curious water-bubbling note. In the woods, the noisiest singers now are coal-tits and nuthatches: both are nesting, the coal-tits in low holes in trees or even in mouseholes, the nuthatches in ragged holes higher in the branches, which they wall up with mud, leaving only a small entrance. The groaning song of the stock-dove is a common sound. Wrens are singing energetically, and have an excitable spring display in which they spread their wings and flap them like fans: the tiny bird looks twice its size when it does this.

On the larches, there are fresh green leaves and bright red female flowers on the same leathery twigs. Yellow flowers dominate the ground: colt's-foot is flowering late, dandelions are opening everywhere, and the beds of lesser celandine are at their most spectacular. In some hawthorn hedges yellow forsythia has entwined itself and is growing wild. Peacock butterflies just out of hibernation fly round hectically, then spread their wings flat in the sun. DJM

Tube change

London Transport asks Underground passengers who usually change between the District and Piccadilly lines at Earl's Court to use an alternative interchange station from tomorrow for about 18 months, while the two interchange escalators at Earl's Court are being replaced.

Passengers will need to change at Hammersmith or South Kensington between the Piccadilly and District lines. District Line Wimbledon branch passengers who also use the Piccadilly Line may need to change twice: between District Line trains at Earl's Court and between the District and Piccadilly at South Kensington (or Hammersmith, if travelling to West London).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	27.65	26.05
Belgium Fr	81.25	77.25
Canada $	1.88	1.81
Denmark Kr	14.27	13.57
Finland Mkk	8.34	7.94
France Fr	11.88	11.38
Germany DM	3.87	3.69
Greece Dr	154.00	144.00
Hongkong $	11.47	10.87
Italy Lira	2395.00	2295.00
Japan Yen	333.00	317.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.18
Norway Kr	11.26	10.66
Portugal Esc	196.00	186.00
Spain Pta	216.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	11.60	11.02
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.06
USA $	1.46	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	183.00	173.00

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 8.8 at 888.6.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed 8.06 down at 1156.51.

Note: All rates apply to trading on Thursday.

The papers

In the spirit of Easter, Mr Ian McGregor and Mr Arthur Scargill should get into their repsective company cars and drive to a quiet, expensive hotel to sort out their differences sensibly, the *Sunday Mirror* said yesterday. But this was unlikely. "Who will knock their heads together. Mrs Thatcher? (some joke). The miners themselves? Someone must."

A victory for Mr Scargill would be "a crippling blow to economic sanity", *The Sunday Telegraph* said. "If Mrs Thatcher were to surrender, what would be left for her? This is a 'fight to the finish', according to Mr Scargill. Well, he said it, and so it will probably have to be."

Prince Andrew's spraying of press photographers with paint created some innocent fun in a gloomy week, *The Observer* said, and might help to destroy one of the hardiest of British myths: that the Royal Family cannot speak for themselves. There was nothing wrong with the Royal Family making their opinions known "through the medium of public speeches, paint spray or garden sprinkler. But they cannot expect their subjects, thus addressed, to listen in respectful silence."

The Sunday People commented: "Some mothers do have 'em, don't they?"

Top films

Top box office films in London:
1. (–) Greystoke
2. (1) Terms of Endearment
3. (2) Yentl
4. (–) Silkwood
5. (–) Footloose
6. (3) Swann in Love
7. (4) Educating Rita
8. (–) The Lady and the Tramp
9. (7) Trading Places
10. (6) The Dresser

Top films in the provinces
1. Terms of Endearment
2. Educating Rita
3. Champions
4. Scarface
5. Monty Python's Life of Brian/Holy Grail

Supplied by *Screen International*

Top video rentals

1 (7) Superman III (Thorn EMI)
2 (1) Flashdance (CIC)
3 (2) Raiders of the Lost Ark (CIC)
4 (3) Halloween III–Season of the Witch (Thorn EMI)
5 (–) Making Michael Jackson's Thriller (Vestron)
6 (8) The Dark Crystal (RCA/Columbia)
7 (4) The Verdict (CBS/Fox)
8 (5) Octopussy (Warner)
9 (6) Blue Thunder (RCA/Columbia)
10 (11) The Entity (CBS/Fox)

Supplied by Video Business.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 11KZ 816213 (the winner lives in Lincolnshire); £50,000 13VZ 377198 (London Borough of Newham); £25,000 9JF 944108 (Ayrshire).

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Weather forecast

High pressure will persist close to Britain.

6am to midnight

London, E Midlands, Central N, SE, Central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Variable cloud, sunny periods; wind E, moderate or fresh; max 16 to 18C (61 to 64F), cooler on coast.

East Anglia, E, NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Variable cloud, some sun; wind SE, light to moderate; max 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

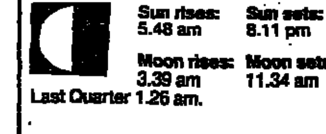
W Midlands, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Dry, sunny; wind SE, light to moderate; max 17 to 19C (63 to 66F).

Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, sunny; wind SE, mainly light; max 16 to 19C (61 to 66F), cooler on coast.

NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy at times, perhaps rain or drizzle in places, some sunnier intervals; wind S to SW, moderate, occasionally fresh; max 9 to 12C (48 to 54F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Little change.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind NE, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. **English Channel (E):** Wind E, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SE, moderate; sea slight.



Sun rises: 5.48 am	Sun sets: 8.11 pm
Moon rises: 3.39 am	Moon sets: 11.34 am

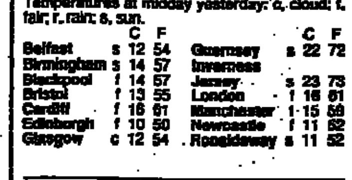
Last Quarter 1.26 am.

Lighting-up time

London 8.41 pm to 5.16 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.26 am
Edinburgh 9.08 pm to 5.15 am
Manchester 8.55 pm to 5.19 am
Penzance 8.58 pm to 5.41 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	12	54	Guernsey	s	22	72
Birmingham	s	14	57	Inverness			
Blackpool	f	14	57	Jersey	s	23	73
Bristol	f	13	55	London	f	16	61
Cardiff	f	16	61	Manchester	f	15	59
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	f	11	52
Glasgow	c	12	54	Ronaldsway	s	11	52

London

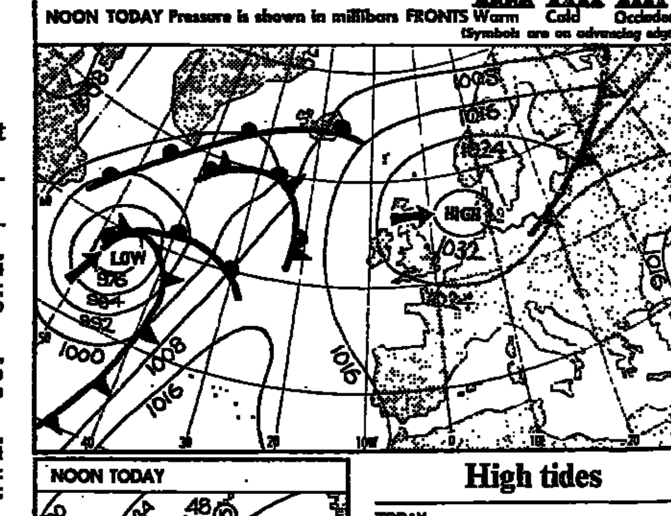
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,021.6 millibars, rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 34 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 10.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,017.4 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 26C (79F). Lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 9C (48F). Highest rainfall: Cardiff, 0.11in. Highest sunshine: Guernsey, 12.8hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 25C (77F). Lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 8C (46F). Highest rainfall: Tiree, 0.21in. Highest sunshine: Torquay, 12.8hr.



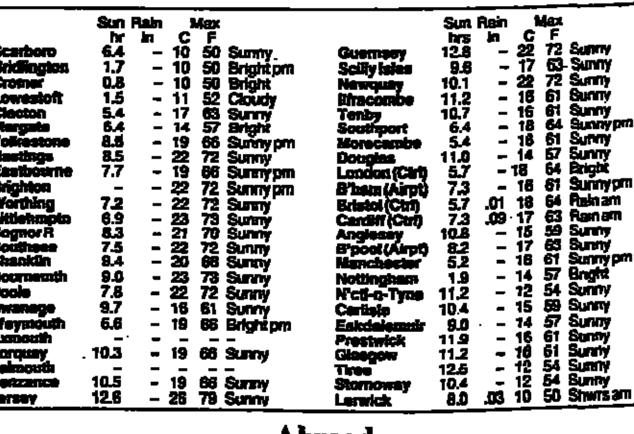
b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.59	6.0	8.10	5.7
Aberdeen	7.36	3.2	8.59	3.1
Avonmouth	12.40	9.8	1.11	9.3
Belfast	5.24	3.0	6.19	2.8
Cardiff	12.25	9.2	12.56	8.8
Devonport	11.51	4.1		
Dover	5.21	5.2	5.54	5.1
Falmouth	11.21	3.9	11.51	4.0
Glasgow	6.37	4.2	7.09	3.8
Harwich	6.04	3.4	6.22	3.3
Holyhead	4.36	4.4	5.49	4.1
Hull	12.27	5.8	12.34	5.7
Ilfracombe			12.18	6.4
Leith	9.09	4.3	10.06	4.3
Liverpool	5.20	7.4	6.11	6.9
Lowestoft	4.10	2.0	3.33	2.0
Margate	6.13	4.0	6.25	3.8
Milford Haven	12.04	5.3	12.37	4.9
Newquay	11.36	5.0		
Oban			12.22	2.6
Penzance	11.06	4.1	11.38	4.2
Portland			12.27	1.1
Portsmouth	5.27	3.8	6.33	3.7
Shoreham	5.02	4.8	6.00	4.7
Southampton	6.13	3.6	6.20	3.5
Swansea	12.06	7.5	12.37	7.0
Tees	10.12	4.2	11.14	4.0
Walton-on-Naze	5.51	3.5	6.01	3.3

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

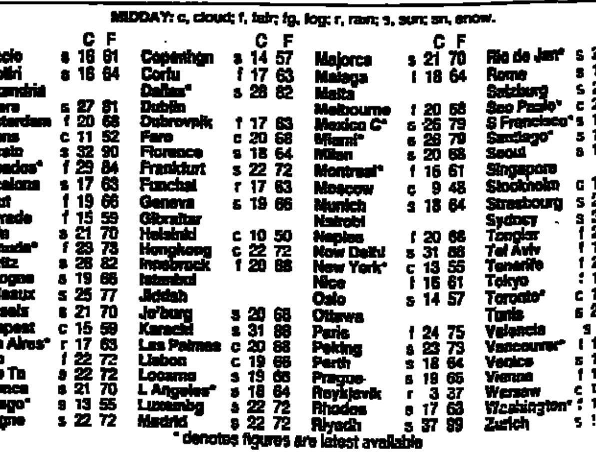
Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.4	–	10	50	Sunny	Guernsey	12.8	–	22	72	Sunny
Bridlington	1.7	–	10	50	Bright pm	Scilly Isles	9.8	–	17	63	Sunny
Cromer	0.8	–	10	50	Bright	Newquay	10.1	–	22	72	Sunny
Lowestoft	1.5	–	11	52	Cloudy	Ilfracombe	11.2	–	16	61	Sunny
Clacton	5.4	–	17	63	Sunny	Tenby	10.7	–	16	61	Sunny
Margate	6.4	–	14	57	Bright	Southport	6.4	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Folkestone	8.8	–	19	66	Sunny pm	Morecambe	5.4	–	16	61	Sunny
Hastings	8.5	–	22	72	Sunny	Douglas	11.0	–	14	57	Sunny
Eastbourne	7.7	–	19	66	Sunny pm	London (Ctr)	5.7	–	18	64	Bright
Brighton	–	–	22	72	Sunny pm	B'ham (Airpt)	7.3	–	16	61	Sunny pm
Worthing	7.2	–	22	72	Sunny	Bristol (Ctr)	5.7	.01	18	64	Rain am
Littlehmptn	6.9	–	23	73	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctr)	7.3	.09	17	63	Rain am
Bognor R	8.3	–	21	70	Sunny	Anglesey	10.8	–	15	59	Sunny
Southsea	7.5	–	22	72	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	8.2	–	17	63	Sunny
Shanklin	8.4	–	20	68	Sunny	Manchester	5.2	–	16	61	Sunny pm
Bournemth	9.0	–	23	73	Sunny	Nottingham	1.9	–	14	57	Bright
Poole	7.8	–	22	72	Sunny	N'ctl-o-Tyne	11.2	–	12	54	Sunny
Swanage	9.7	–	16	61	Sunny	Carlisle	10.4	–	15	59	Sunny
Weymouth	6.6	–	19	66	Bright pm	Eskdalemuir	9.0	–	14	57	Sunny
Exmouth	–	–	–	–	–	Prestwick	11.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Torquay	10.3	–	19	66	Sunny	Glasgow	11.2	–	16	61	Sunny
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–	Tiree	12.5	–	12	54	Sunny
Penzance	10.5	–	19	66	Sunny	Stornoway	10.4	–	12	54	Sunny
Jersey	12.6	–	26	79	Sunny	Lerwick	8.0	.03	10	50	Shwrs am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.



		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	16	61	Copenhgn	s	14	57	Majorca	s	21	70	Rio de Jan*	s	28	82
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Corfu	f	17	63	Malaga	f	18	64	Rome	s	17	63
Alexandria				Dallas*	s	28	82	Malta				Salzburg	s	20	68
Algiers	s	27	81	Dublin				Melbourne	f	20	68	Sao Paulo*	c	29	84
Amsterdam	f	20	68	Dubrovnik	f	17	63	Mexico C*	s	26	79	S Francisco*	s	15	59
Athens	c	11	52	Faro	c	20	68	Miami*	s	26	79	Santiago*	s	17	63
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence	s	18	64	Milan	s	20	68	Seoul	s	18	64
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	s	22	72	Montreal*	f	16	61	Singapore			
Barcelona	s	17	63	Funchal	r	17	63	Moscow	c	9	48	Stockholm	c	11	52
Beirut	f	19	66	Geneva	s	19	66	Munich	s	18	64	Strasbourg	s	21	70
Belgrade	f	15	59	Gibraltar				Nairobi				Sydney	s	21	70
Berlin	s	21	70	Helsinki	c	10	50	Naples	f	20	68	Tangier	f	20	68
Bermuda*	f	23	73	Hongkong	c	22	72	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tel Aviv	f	19	66
Biarritz	s	28	82	Innsbruck	f	20	68	New York*	c	13	55	Tenerife	f	23	73
Boulogne	s	19	66	Istanbul				Nice	f	16	61	Tokyo	f	13	55
Bordeaux	s	25	77	Jeddah				Oslo	s	14	57	Toronto*	c	12	54
Brussels	s	21	70	Jo'burg	s	20	68	Ottawa				Tunis	s	20	68
Budapest	c	15	59	Karachi	s	31	88	Paris	f	24	75	Valencia	s	[illegible]	66
Buen Aires*	r	17	63	Las Palmas	c	20	68	Peking	s	23	73	Vancouver*	f	11	52
Cairo	f	22	72	Lisbon	c	19	66	Perth	s	18	64	Venice	s	18	64
Cape Tn	s	22	72	Locarno	s	19	66	Prague	s	19	66	Vienna	f	17	63
C'blanca	s	21	70	L Angeles*	s	18	64	Reykjavik	r	3	37	Warsaw	c	14	57
Chicago*	s	13	55	Luxembrg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rhodes	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Washington*	[illegible]	17	63
Cologne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Riyadh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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